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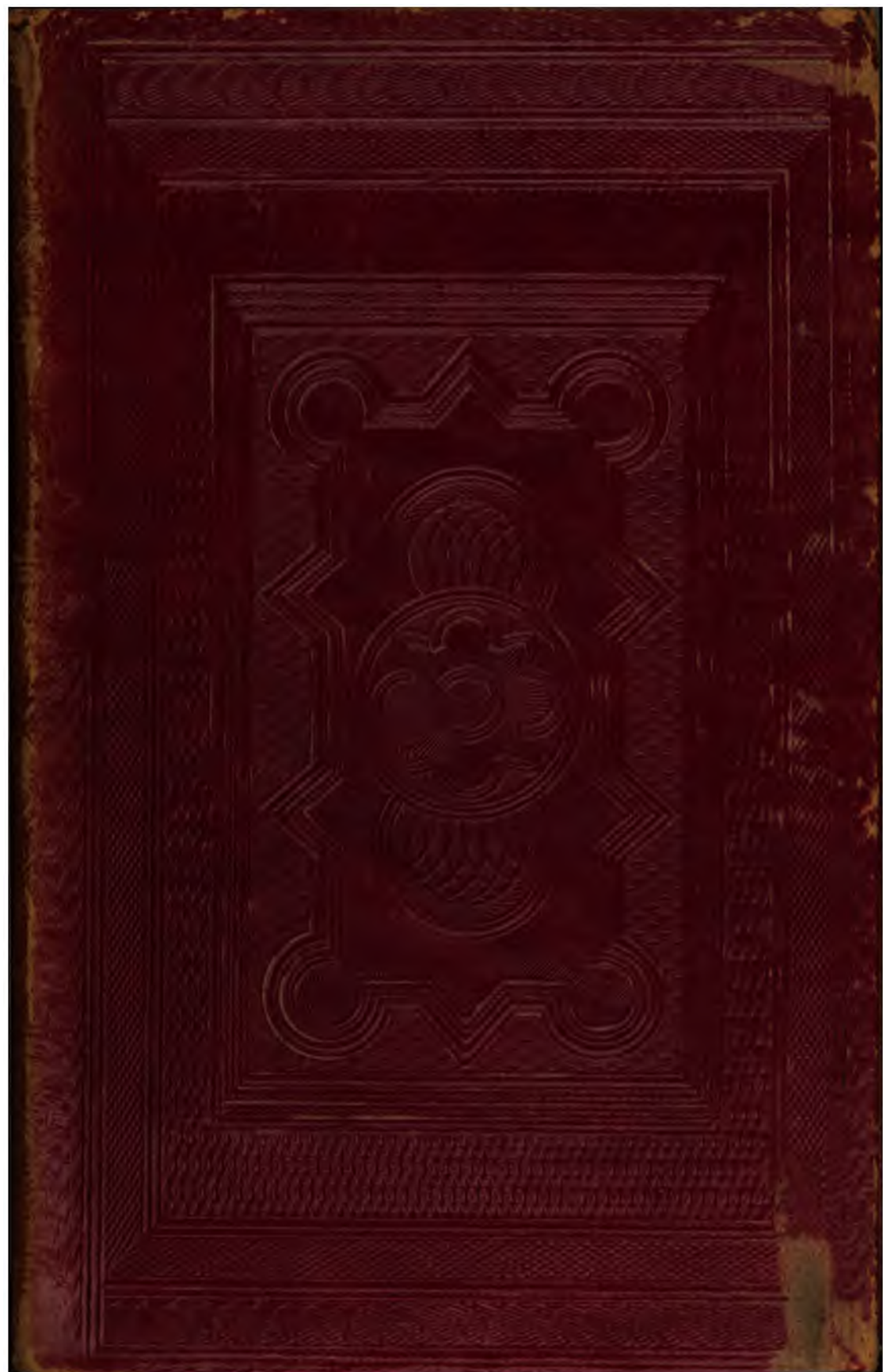
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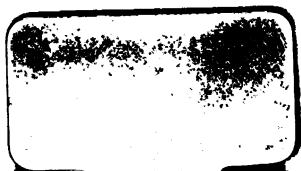
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## P R E F A C E .

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THE following Pages were in part written with an *only* intention of their being addressed as a private Letter in Correspondence on the subject of which they treat. But on reflection, and as they increased under the pen, it appeared that they were, and might be thought *suitable* and better adapted for general consideration and estimation. With that view they are committed to the Public Eye, under the forcible impression, that the Circumstantial and extreme critical Events and Signs of the passing Times; *call for* the boldest and most Faithful expression of the Prophetical Truths, *as* they are written and recorded. And most especially of unravelling and revealing of that hitherto Mysterious number 666, as a Ruling Power (page 60,) and the Kingdom of God and Christ opposed to it. Which verification of the profound Prophecies are most intensely, and awfully become applicable to Individual, as well as Collective bodies of Mankind. Under such idea and conviction of their applicability, the present Annunciation and Publication thereof, is now commended to the consideration of all People by

THE AUTHOR.

## EMENDATIONS.

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- Page 16, fifth line, after Year—read after “Year or Time”—
- “ 51, third line, read after struggle, “July 1847”:
- “ 81, seventh line, read after Canterbury, “in 1846”;
- “ 105, at the bottom, instead of *the Third*, read “*the Second*.”
- “ 130, fifth line, *dele* parenthesis.
- “ 165, at the bottom, read “apprehensively, as sitting with Him, and as—
- “ 200, seventeenth line, after rests, read “1846”;

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THE Publication of a Work in 1844, entitled Church Architecture by The Rev. Mr. Close of Cheltenham, first gave rise to the Idea of submitting to general view and estimation, a part of the occurring Sentiments which it occasioned; but which were not excited and finally determined on to publish,—Until accidentally meeting with Another zealous Publication, called, A Chronological Chart of the World.

This latter Promulgation *avows* a distinct Principle of expectancy of Fulfilment *at hand*, of the Heavenly Visions *and* Prophecies of Daniel, and the Divine Saint John. And likewise *believing* the Prophets, that the Things declared and testified in the BIBLE, *and the most* GLORIOUS PROPHECY OF THE APOCALYPSE; *must take up* their state and stage of accomplishment, *and be fulfilled*.

The ripened state of THE PREDICTIONS, *proclaim* their sacred Truths; *and* afford the certain *and Infal-  
lible Means* to appreciate the momentous Time of their taking place, *and*, as now advanced to the very Verge and Crisis of their All-important and Tremendous *effects*: And as being nigh to *burst forth*, and about to be poured out upon the World.



The Writer hereof, *desires* to express to the Arranger of The Chronological Chart, (and as Author and Publisher of a Work, entitled, ‘Immortality the Gift of God.’)—That he feels great disgust at the fanciful and contemptible Figures represented, *but* more especially is averse to the *irrelevancy* of the Scriptural Interpretations; And recommends the Editor to a *Re-examination* of the Chart.

The very especial Prophecies *refer* and allude to A Kingdom that apparently, *rivals* Rome in all the precise Characters *pronounced* for Judgment *in the latter Days*.—A Kingdom strong as Iron, *and* breaking the Other Kingdoms to pieces; until *its* own turn comes! Daniel ii. 45.—And its great City spoken of FROM ABOVE, *as being renowned for*, “Shipowners, and Sailors, and Merchants made rich by its Traffic on the Seas.” All which Vouchers of Authority, *cannot* be forced, *as attempted, specially*, to apply to Rome.—See Rev. xvii.—xviii.

It is this FOURTH KINGDOM with which the World has *now* to do, whereof, BOTH of the Two great Prophets of the last days, Loudly proclaim and define.—

DANIEL, prior to the DIVINE ST. JOHN, peculiarly *characterises the Three* preceding Kingdoms; yet, as being *separately* Bereaved of Power, *when* the Great Fourth Kingdom or Beast *appeared*; and which arrested All *his* attention—*as having* Swallowed up, *and* PREFIGURED all the other Kingdoms or Beasts, in ONE GREAT IMAGE!!

I fall in with the first quotation in the Chart from Cambell, *that*,—"This whole Image, is a Symbol of the Kingly Dynasty of the Gentile world—"Fulness of the Gentiles"—'Times of the Gentiles,' reaching down to the Time of Christ's Second Coming."

Whether "1844," be the precise period may be questioned? but, indisputably the time of His Second Coming, and to Reign, *Is that*,—when the Image as represented in Vision to Nebuchadnezzar shall *re-appear*; and be Identified in its Embodiment, as the literal compound of all the *Four Kingdoms*. Or else,—How should the Stone of Omnipotence, and *commencing* Power of Christ,—first of all "*Smite the Iron and Clay Feet* of the Image and *break* them to pieces; and *then* all the other constituent parts of Brass, Silver and Gold, be scattered as *Chaff* before the Wind, and *no Place* be found for them." All this is declared by the Prophet *shall* come to pass *in the latter-day Generation*; when, all shall be fulfilled; both as to the *Appearance* and *Disappearance* of the Great *Fourth* Kingdom, appointed to be *consumed*;—and moreover to be *succeeded* by the Fifth and Millenary Kingdom, *which* shall stand for ever!

A Millenarian Christian, knows nothing therefore of a *Sixth* Kingdom, and consequently suffers no acknowledgment of the *spurious* and self-conceited Ten Kingdoms, so often and so dogmatically spoken of, either by indiscriminate or *wilful* Expostulations

of Men,—at all hazards fastening on exploded Rome, —*traditionally* handed down from One to Another ; and their Historical, their Bookish, and Scientific Expositions,—pertinaciously insisted on, as though they were, and *as* being Interpretations of Scripture Prophecies !! Proving, neither more nor less, the Vanity of their Delusions ; and Phantom of their own conceits, on which they stay and make their stand.

Of the above and such like Class, and adhering to their *Predecessors*. are found as before specified, the Author or Authors of the Chart—capriciously, nominating and asserting that—Ten Nations ! *are the* Ten Horns of the Beast !—Always however, and very *precisely* are they spoken of by the Prophet Daniel, and by the Divine St. John, as being *ten Agents or Officials* arising out of, and belonging to *The One Kingdom*. And never are so much as once mentioned or signified, ten Kingdoms by Apostolic or Testamentary authority, respecting the latter-day Prophecies ; notwithstanding the Orthodoxy of Professors, and of Scientific Authorities of Men to the contrary.

In pursuance of examination and proof, and corresponding with other pretended and prior Testimonies, take the second Column of the Chart ; and first noticing the *Antedates* of Men, in *contradistinction* to the Revelations of the Times and Seasons of fulfilment of the Prophecies of the Prophet, who has *testified*

Himself that, the *understanding* thereof *was reserved*, till the *accomplishment* in the last days ; and that in part at least, even to Him they were “ *Sealed* to the time of the end.”

It is indeed most grievous to behold the *Anti-biblical* authority of representation by *Figures* ; and above all most lamentable to contemplate the pitiable, and most *execrable* attempt to explain *thereby* and to interpretate,—*that critical*, eventful, and consummatory *Prophecy* of the 7th of Daniel. At once as it should seem, outstepping and overwhelming the very Idea of the *given* explanation by the Prophet, *that*, The Four *Beasts* were four *Kings* and four *Kingdoms* ; and that their *concentration* in One great Image of united Power should re-appear, and be recognised according to the exposition of his own Words ; and the *interpretation* thereof,—*not* be understood, or clearly *ascertainable*, till the appointed time, and in *the* latter days.

Admitting the *Historical* relation, in a great measure as given in the Chart, respecting the Reign of the Four Empires or Kingdoms ; but moreover and *especially* estimating their Characters and Government as defined in the single *Seventh Chapter* of the Prophet ;—It is most lamentable to find the *admixture of another and distinct Prophecy*, even that of the *Eighth*, evidently, though perhaps inadvertently

*thrust in*, and serving to distract and confound the very express, separate, and distinguishable Character of the Fourth Kingdom, as it is limited and confined in its every minute detail of description in the *Seventh* Chapter.

The two Visions which Daniel relates in the 7th and 8th chapters that He saw, and each of them in the time of Belshazzar's reign, are yet *remaining* to be fulfilled, although now of rapid Completion, but being so *intmixed* as above stated, and immediately so as to *confuse and destroy*, rather than to afford appropriate and respective *Interpretation*, of *either* of the Three first mentioned Empires or Kingdoms.—But when it comes next, and to its description of the Fourth Empire, “*B.C. 158.—Dan, vii. 7.*”—the egregious misconception becomes most *palpable*: both as it respects Dates and Seasons, and *Times and Circumstances*. Though Daniel saw at that period *in Vision*, the Fourth and Consummatory Kingdom; but to assert that, it means the Papacy, and applicable to its *gradations* of conquest in “493”; “533”; and “538”: is utterly irrelevant and inconsistent; and by its *Antedates*, accursedly, Tending to render the Prophecy of God! and his Prophets, false!! and even God himself a Liar!!!

And forasmuch as *all* the Prophets of God! have *testified* of a short time for accomplishment, including

the Apostles, "Matt. xxiv." &c., and that the Characters and Signs of the Ill-fated Kingdom, shall "be seen to Commence and End in One Generation ;"—and even in that *of the latter day Earthly Kingdom.*

The frightful and disgusting Figures, and exhibition of the *Beasts* in the Chart ; are at once, and beyond measure Contemptible and most execrable. And especially as they show an entire *Misconception*, and manifest a complete Dereliction from the principles, and views, and *instructions* of the Prophet—Who, in every instance when he speaks of *Beasts* in one Chapter, (the 7th,) And of *Horns* in the other, (the 8th,) always defines the application to *Kings*, Persons, or Men.

Therefore, if a *Portraiture* should at all be given, it ought at least to *preserve* and contain the *Human Personality of Kingly power* ; in some sort or other like as the Representative Image of Royalty, as drawn in the outset of the Chart. And moreover, *not* as the most outrageous and Fantastical misrepresentations, which are perceived, and which are so glaringly discoverable, under the Head of *Prophetic Symbols*. And which are reserved for further Commentary.

But however, I first return to a review of the extravagant, and as it were, unbounded Malversations respecting the developement of the *Fourth Beast*. The most prominent and immediate, and striking

*inadvertence*, is that of stating, "The ten Horns signify, *Ten Kingdoms*" :—directly in contradiction and *Perversion* of the Prophetic Authority; and in this very case, but just before specified and alluded to. And, notwithstanding the obstinate pertinacity of Protestant Doctors of Divinity, and of recent Publications of notoriety from M.A.'s of Cambridge University.

Members of the University of Cambridge appear to be the latest of Modern Writers on the Prophecies, and their Promulgations of recent Publicity and Notoriety manifest their Vague Interpretations, especially by their Bigotted and reiterated Dogmas on Rome, ancient and modern; and more especially by their adoption of the Traditionary Fallacies of their Predecessors, both of the Dead and of the Living, namely that, The ten Horns of the Beast, (which act in conjunction and co-operation with Him,) *are Ten Kingdoms* ! And for which Kingdoms, like *as Sorcerers*, they have groped and delved to find and to raise up ! All which, most pitiable, fictitious, and vain Pretensions are nearly and chiefly in accordance with the Aberrations which are comprised and found in the Chart, and which are indeed great and manifold.

But above all of the University and estranged Commentators appears The Reverend Author of *Horæ Apocalypticæ*—The most bewildered, preposterous, and apostate from Scriptural *text and testimony* of any

that have preceded. Having scarcely any thing of Christian and Gospel principle belonging to it from first to last. Shewing most conspicuously and most awfully the danger of complicated Bookish Authorities, and their Tendency to corrupt, and make void the Truths of God! and their leading to the *daring presumption* that—by The Spirit of Man, and by adoption of such Degenerate and Worldly means, *they* are enabled to interpret the dark things and Mysterys, as given by *Inspiration* of the Spirit of God, to His Holy Apostles and Prophets.

The criminality of Men and their rebellious Ter-giversations is heightened to the full, as it were, in their presuming Interpolations, and by their dominant Expositions in fixing and assuming that, by their deep researches and calculations of HISTORICAL matters, relative merely, to Persons and Sects, to Dates and to Events, which *then* and heretofore happened. Yet, nevertheless claiming authority *therefrom* to interpret the Prophecies!—But, without a particle of Bible and Testamentary License or Authority. Moreover they *are opposed* to Scripture Texts, and are utterly irrelevant and inconsistent therewith. Yet they affirm that those Circumstantial Cases, simply of Human affairs, *are* the allowed means to *unravel* the pre-ordained and future Gospel Prophecies!—Of which we read, God Himself has concealed and hidden from the understanding of Men, till his appointed time; and which by HIS DECREE are sealed to the



critical period, and to the Pre-ordained Generation in which single time They shall have a manifest and a *literal* Demonstration of fulfilment, as recorded, so that He that runs may read and understand.

Although the Authors or Writers of the Chronological Chart under the head of Prophetic Periods, have reduced and defined the present Crisis as the period of the Seventh Trumpet, noticing and quoting —“ And the seventh Angel sounded and there were great Voices in heaven, saying, ‘ The Kingdoms of this world are become THE KINGDOM of our LORD,’ and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.” The Authors of the Chart further assert,—“ This sound of the last trump, at which the dead shall rise, (1 Cor. xv. 52,) and BE JUDGED, (Rev. xi. 18,) *We* now expect to hear.” In these last quotations and references is shown the greatest confusion and irrelevancy. The sound of the Seventh Trumpet in Revelations the 11th, is *not* the last Trumpet as spoken of by St. Paul to the Corinthians; but *it is*—“ The sound of the Kingdoms of this World (immediately) becoming *The Kingdoms* of our Lord, and of his Christ.” And *it is* the commencement of his Millennial Kingdom, and also that —“ He shall reign for ever and ever.” And *it is* likewise and moreover, the time that the Lord God Almighty takes up His great power and *con-jointly* reigns; for which the Elders which sat upon their Seats before God, fell down and worshipped Him, saying,—as the Prophet in his Vision saw and

heard them—"We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which art, and wast, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned. And the Nations were angry, and thy wrath *is* come and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that Thou shouldest give *reward* unto thy servants the Prophets, and to the Saints, and Them that fear thy Name, small and great; and shouldest *destroy them* which destroy the Earth. And the *Temple of God* was opened in Heaven, and there was seen in his Temple the Ark of his Testament."

The Authors of the Chart have evidently been too hasty and inconsiderate in their deductions and conclusions respecting the nature and purport of the Seventh Trumpet. And moreover it seems probable they have overlooked and not estimated, *that*,—it is the Seventh VIAL poured out into the Air, which *is* far more consummatory in its effects towards Men; and when poured out, it will probably accomplish the Prophecy of Old time that,—“Within a year according to the years of an *hireling*, and all the glory of Kedar shall fail.”

Had the Chart Writers waited for the present time, and rather apparent sounding of the Sixth Trumpet,—They might have found abundant more reason for assigning the Command for letting “Loose the four Angels bound in the great river Euphrates—prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a

year, for to Slay the Third part of men." And it may be found that the Three first spaces have literally had their accomplishment and have been filled up, as limited to the Prophecy : and that there only remains the last, and in all probability the present Year,—“ to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the Earth.” Rev. vi. 8. But the wild and heterogeneous assumption that the commencement and duration of the Sixth trumpet consisted of a period of 391 years 15 days !—*is*, as extravagant and heterodox an averment as any Misconstruction anywhere to be found. And beside the incoherence and mischief of forcibly dragging into the sixth, an Interpretation that belongs *only* to the fifth Trumpet.

Of which Fifth Trumpet it is written that, from the smoke that arose out of *the bottomless pit*, came forth Locusts, which for Five months should torment *those* Men which had not the *seal* of God in their foreheads. Rev. ix. Thus this Prophecy *of God* was confined to 5 Months, simply 150 days,—which the Malignant Prophecy of Men has converted to 150 years !—and those years extended as *they* say, to Prophetic Years and days amounting to 391 years 15 days!! Nevertheless, the Prophecy of the Apocalypse *must* have “ a short,” clear, plain and literal fulfilment ; And which *alone* will confirm the Authority and Truth of God ; and therefore, to the upsetting of all the Sophistry of the Learned, and the vain and delusive Interpretations of Men.

In refutation of this wild bereavement and reflection on the words of Scripture Testimony ; there are many yet living of the present Generation that can well remember the Prophecy having been fulfilled in its minutiae of character, time, and circumstance. This too, may vividly be brought before them, by reminiscence of the Trial of the Royal Duke that took place in the Parliamentary Court or Pit,—to the great annoyance of the King and many of the People : But which occurrence however, *irresistibly* accomplished the Prediction in the Earth.

Unquestionably there are many who remember that a certain Colonel, (Wardle) answering to the truth of the Vision of the Evangelist that he saw,= “ A Star fall from (the Political) heaven unto the Earth : and to him *was* given the Key of the Bottomless Pit. And *he* opened the bottomless pit ; and there arose a Smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great Furnace ; and, in the Political Element, *the sun* and *the air* were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit.”—All this may be recollected, and the consternation that ensued.

The Prophecy further announces that,—“ The Locusts that came out of the smoke upon the earth ; unto them was given power, *as* the Scorpions of the earth have power.”—“ And that they should torment Men for *five* Months.” And many will remember that a certain General (Clavering) who thought he

could and would give complacent and voluntary evidence, was so teased and vexed by their perplexing examinations ; and thereby, being, as presumed, betrayed into prevarication, they sent him to Prison,—to Newgate.

And freshly it may be remembered that, Donavon, another evidence and witness said, and signified, “ He would sooner lose every shilling that he had in the World” than undergo again the stinging and Scorpion-like torment that he had experienced. From the time of “ the Smoke arising out of the bottomless pit,” the Trial absorbed the attention and business of the House, and continued to agitate it for the Prophetic *literal*, and specified time and period of FIVE MONTHS;—and *then* the Session closed. Away then with the abandoned Vilifiers, which lie against God’s words and truths by their unwarrantable procrastinations of *his* declared times and seasons—Anathematized be their equivocating phrases and expressions which cloud and destroy God’s Truths, but which in effect *recoil*, and will prove that they are themselves Apostates and the Liars. And as the Lord God himself hath said—“ Men shall know whose words shall stand, Mine, or Their’s.”

The wilful misinterpretations of the living Propheticals will find overwhelming and insurmountable reason to be ashamed ; *when* they shall *see* and find that,—The Prophecy of the Apocalyptic Book from

the appointed time of *commencement*, will therefore, and in every instance,—“*must* have fulfilment *within* a short time.” The incipient and set crisis being arrived as given and announced—*direct* from Heaven, from God, from Jesus Christ, from his Angel, and revealed by the Divine St. John, Rev. i. 3.—will be accomplished, respectively, and apparently, in the *present* times and Generation.

And in which time and of the present Generation, it appears the fulness of the Gentiles being come, and the Apostacy of the rebellious House of Israel hardened to the full,=Thus hath The Lord said by his Prophet Ezekiel, in that ye say “The days are prolonged, and every vision faileth? Tell them therefore, thus saith the Lord God; I will make *this proverb* to cease;—Say unto them, The days are at hand and *the effect* of every Vision. Therefore say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God; There shall *none* of my words be prolonged any more, but the Word which I have spoken shall be done, saith the Lord God.”

Howsoever the prolongation of Prophetic Years and Days may have reference to former Ages, and Times, and Generations of Men; *they* are expressly *excluded* of application from this Summary and Conclusively Apocalyptic period. As, throughout the whole Book of this benign Revelation; Prophetic Time is positively and indubitably *affirmed* to be,—*the*

*very literal*, exact, and absolute proofs of accomplishment : and forasmuch, as nothing less *than* the Literal completion is consistent to perfect the Prophecy of God, *as* written and as recorded.

Admitting the Revelation Testimony of God, and his servant John ; how inconsistent is the wild tergiversation of Expositors, and their daring and affected presumption in substituting Years for Days ! especially, how detestable in the natural case of the two Witnesses lying dead in the street of the Great City for Three Days and an half, and their dead Bodies not suffered to be put in Graves ? How abhorrent is the perversion in the published Averment of the scientific Mr. Cunninghame, and *his* expressed contempt of any one that shall affirm otherwise than that,—The dead bodies of the Witnesses shall lie in the street for Years ! instead of the Prophetic testimony for three days and an half ! In regard to which perversion it is sufficient to observe and reply to Him, and merely, by change of Name in the words he has Himself used to The Rev. Mr. Faber on one, and virtually, on many occasions,—“ My Bible says one thing, and Mr. Faber another ; I will believe my Bible and not Mr. Faber.”

But it is much to be feared that in many instances the Obstinacy of Perverters in diverting the Truth of God's written Word and Testimony, by Addition and by Detraction. will not be remedied and understood,

till the tremendous Judgments of God overtake them—Rev. xxii. And of which it is not in the power of Man to conceive the *threatened* torment that awaits the Transgressors.

The whole Book of the Apocalypse being appointed to be fulfilled *according* to its plainest Dictates of common sense Terms and Phrases : And therefore it might be well, and *be* it observed that, the word *years*, is not so much as once mentioned, *but* in the two especial cases of the Binding of the Devil and Satan in the Bottomless Pit ; and the Reign of Christ with his Saints and his Redeemed for a Thousand Years. The entire therefore as written of Days, of Seasons, and of Times, producing the literal events which shall openly come to pass ; are mercifully *related*, so that as much as possible the Poor, *having Faith*, may understand and receive the clear expressions, and the pure Principles of Life and Salvation. And, that *they* may know of a Truth that, The Words *as* they read them, were not given to Tantalize and Perplex their *minds*—like Those who Mystify and Mutilate ; and by Mixing confound them to their own Confusion. Of such description are the incoherent and pitiable admixture in the Chart, of the Prophecies of Daniel, with those of the Divine St. John—not *where* they correspond and unite to establish the Apocalypse, and the *announcement* of its fulfilment in a short time—*but* in defiance of its accomplishment within that period, and in accordance with Christ's testimony *in* one Genera-



tion—It presumptuously and Egotistically asserts, “The great Prophetical period of the Apocalypse is 1260 years !”

Of such mischievous and incoherent Cast and Character with the above, which are seen in the Chart, *are* Those which likewise run throughout the recent publication of the *Horæ Apocalypticæ*—in which the Author has however, *happily deprived* the uninitiated in Scholastic Tactics from all *participation*,—by his eccentric Sophistry and Mystification : consequently they devolve to the Learned and the Dubious ; the Open-mouthed Critic and Caviller, and which are thrown out *to them*, as a Tub to the Whale to amuse, and yet ever to Elude their grasp.

For a test and proof in respect to the great and main subject of the Witnesses ;—Take up for a moments consideration The wild and extravagant Idea and proposition in the *Apocalypticæ* that,—“The *Paulicians*, were One of the Two Witnesses” !? In respect to which says, The Rev. T. K. Arnold in his Analyzation and Remarks,—‘Surely if any Believer in Mr. Elliott’s “*Horæ*” will calmly reflect on this attempt to make these Paulicians a Witness of God—an Enoch, or an Elias—he will be shocked at its—I had almost said profaneness.’

The Rev. Rector of Lyndon further proceeds—‘The Waldenses *and* Albigenes are taken by Mr. Elliott for the Second Witness !—It would be useless

to point out all the *explainings away* of plain terms that Mr. Elliott's interpretation requires.'

'The Witnesses, according to Mr. Elliott, *died* on the 5th of May, 1514.'!—Being probably and assuredly about 330 Years, or more, before the fact and the truth; and because in respect to its having taken place at all, *is yet* to be manifested—and most apprehensively is *now* near at hand. The Ascension of the Witnesses is besides declared to be, and will be attended,—“In the same *hour* with a great Earthquake, at which time it is written, The Tenth part of the City fell,” and therefore, according to the Spirit of God, must fall. Which *part*, some imagine to be *the* Church! And considering its Apostacy, and leaning towards, and siding with Idolatrous Popery *is* not improbable. And it is furthermore recorded, that,—“In the Earthquake were Slain of Men Seven Thousand.”! Or, admitting the *common* Interpretation seven Thousand Names of Men. The number may be considered as Few, relatively to the mass of Mankind—but as Many, if it has reference and alludes as apprehended, and most probably to—Seven Thousand False Prophets and False Teachers of Men! And which may be estimated on a Par with the Hundreds *thereof* in the time of King Ahab.

Yet in adverting to the Horæ Apocalypticæ it appears the Author states the Death, Resurrection, and Ascension of the Witnesses, “A. D. 1453—1688 !”

And all this presumptuous and profligate assumption, in defiance of God's written Word and Testimony by his beloved Prophet that, the Death, Resurrection, and Ascension of *his* Witnesses, should be accomplished in "Three days and an half." Rev. xi. 7—12. Therefore, the *last* Assertion in the Horæ takes a wider range from the Prophetic word of God than the former just before quoted; and in open contest, if not in denial of the written Truth,—daring to pervert the *precise* time of "Power given of God to his Two Witnesses to Prophecy a Thousand two hundred and threescore *Days*, clothed in sackcloth." But, (as if God's term was insufficient)—*perverting*, the duration and phrase into '1260 *Years* for the Prophesyings of the Witnesses, commencing either at the *close* of the 6th,—or beginning of the 7th Century'!!—Thus, presumptuously, or rather accusedly attempting to upset the very purport of the Apocalyptic Book, and of the *very* Highest Authorities for its circumscribed and complete fulfilment *within* the defined and limited space, as proclaimed *of God*, for its *commencement and consummation*.

The Modern Writers and Members of Cambridge University have rendered themselves liable to a similar charge of Misconstruction and Misapplication, by adoption of the Bigotry and Traditional Dogmas of their Predecessors, respecting *Rome*, and *Ten Kingdoms*; and which, in regard to the Prophecy, or any Prophet of God, are nowhere and never to be found:

nor else, but in the Inventions and vain imaginations of Men. Notwithstanding, continued references and frequent occurrences thereto, are found, as in The Rev. T. R. Birks issue of 1844, on the Visions and Prophecies of Daniel. And generally, the Writers still persist in referring to Old Babylon, *extinct*, as though it were to return : and the Old Romish kingdoms of Italy be again recognised !! Clearly such Expositors *resist* the Light before their Eyes, of the Testamentary Babylon of the 18th of the Revelations, which *rivals* the former, and which is that appointed for the like destruction. And it is further seen They will persevere in writing on the Millennium, and at the same time advocating a Subsistence of Ten Kingdoms ; which not only nullifies, but moreover, *stultifies* their Pretensions of appreciating THE FIFTH, which succeeds the Great Fourth, and which is—The Millennial Kingdom itself, decreed to stand for ever !

The same kind of Dereliction and of Aberrations are also seen and found in other Promulgations of recent Publicity and Notoriety. But especially in the Writer of the Horæ by his surreptitious Exposition ; and laboured and lengthy *attempt* at interpretation of opening the First Seal of the Apocalypse !—Extended and carried on to the Eleven Hundred and Ninetieth Page ! and thence ending, to the great disappointment of a Learned Brother, who has published and expressed in his *Annal*yzation,—His deep concern, or rather his vexa-

tious chagrin and destitution in not finding any thing to Enlighten his excited and anxious mind ; but, instead of which, an explaining away of the Spirituality and of the interesting subject-matter : and, likewise so, respecting the attempt of opening *either* of the Three first Seals. Such is the estimation and definition given, and similarly applied in many places, and to many parts of the ‘ Three Bulky Volumes’ of the Rev. E. B. Elliott. And to which may be added a complete Anathema, for that the Contents of the whole Work, with little intervening, appears, Spurious and Anti-scriptural—distressing and perplexing, and therefore, like many Other of the same Description of fearful responsibility coming under the Designation of—“ The Star Wormwood :” which turns the Waters, or sources of knowledge, into wormwood or *bitterness*, and many *die* because the waters are made Bitter.—Rev. viii. Indisputably it appears, The Rev. Author is not possessed or endowed with that Inspiration and Lamb-like spirit, as is written and recorded ; and which *only* is permitted and appointed for opening *any* One, and *every* one of the Seals. And forasmuch, as the Apocalyptic Book itself, *testifies* that,—The unfolding of *all* the Seals is reserved, and expressly so—To the Lamb, —And “ God will not give His Glory to Another.”

The substitution of Man’s Prophecys for those of God’s, are moreover particularly seen in the Chart, and by statement that,—TEN NATIONS are the Ten Horns of the Beast!! And commencing with the

Huns in 356, enumerates Ten Nations down to the Lombards as the last in 483 ! And *these* ten nations are NAMED as *the ten* answering to the Prophecy of the Ten Horns *in* the Head of the Beast ! Notwithstanding the Scripture states that,—The Ten, “ *as Kings,*” or as *Agents* constitute and *form his* Headship and *his* Power. Rev. xvii. 12.

But after the Chart calculation from the time of the Huns in 356, *is*, very apparently approaching to near 1500 Years *before* the Heavenly Decree appoints for accomplishment and for the ascertainment, *only acquirable*, in the latter Days ; and which in the Apocalypse stands *precisely* so to be revealed.

The next inconsistency is shewn of the Ten Horns said to be *seen* and *Identified* as forming the Beast ; but nevertheless, according to the statement, *not* being even formed or completed till the time of the Lombards in 483,—being a lapse of 127 Years !—from the time of the Huns. Yet, without controversy, the Prophecy states and testifies that, The Ten Horns were seen at one and the same time, “ in the *head* of the Beast,” or as forming an Unity of power together with Himself, and which *must* also be so found in this last Age and period of fulfilment.

Of such anomalous excess of Man’s presuming interpretation appears, and in corroboration and assimilation, the different Schemes which the Clerical Author

of the Horæ Apocalypticæ has enumerated for estimating the Vision of The Seals, and of the White and of the Red Horses, as promulgated by the Divine St. John. But which *schemes* of Vitringas, of Cunninghame, and of Bickersteth, as presented by the Rev. E. B. Elliott ; are entirely estranged, but completely parallel with the wild Inconsistencies which are exhibited in the Chart ; and are alike and equally Counterfeit, respecting Antedates, and the monstrous *Apostasys* of prolongation of Years for Days, in violation and derangement of the *Apocalyptic period* for accomplishing All those great and sundry things which are described and particularized ; and as coming under the closing and circumscribed Apocalyptical Days and Dates, and *after* the Evangelists Prophetic and Divine testimony. In what situation shall the Heterodox and False Prophets of the same Class appear, when found deteriorating the Text, and resisting the simplified Test, *as written* ; and striving to turn aside and resist, and *rebut* the plainest evidence ? For yet, the coming time *shall* disclose and afford *proof and witness* of the Death, Resurrection, and Ascension of the Witnesses ;—by *Resuscitation* of the Spirit, after having lain dead or dormant *in the street* of the Great City for Three Days and an Half.

I do not suppose, or is it to be imagined that the Editor of the Chart is the Inventor or the Deviser of the monstrous Hyperbole, that,—Ten Kingdoms, or that the Ten Nations were, as they stand enumerated,

—“The Ten Horns in the Head! of the Beast”!! Notwithstanding the glaring folly and depravity which is most evident and apparent; It is generally known that many assuming Expositors have fallen, and *recklessly* fallen into the same Fallacious and beguilingly beaten Track, one after another. But let the Editor or any other Individual, when disposed to know the truth, *for the truth's sake*—Take up the Bible authority as it *there* stands recorded, and he may quickly be convinced of the incongruous and absurd bewilderment; and what is more—may discern the *violation* of Scriptural testimony; and the Aberrations as being purblindly or almost *wilfully* insisted on and dwelt upon:—and if that should be the case; He will rather wish to be the Detector, than the Arranger or Promulgator of the gross Delusions.

Turning and *adverting* to what the Scripture and the *Prophet* says; and for *ascertainment* thereof—See *the interpretation* which Daniel himself gives, *as revealed* to him—“These great Beasts, which are Four, *are* four Kings, which shall arise out of the Earth.”—Then he dwells most especially on *the Fourth*; which had riveted, as it appears, all His attention, and says, —“I would know *the truth* of the fourth Beast,—and of the ten horns, “that *were* in his Head.”—*Not* ten Nations that formed and constituted his Headship of power and rule,—but *Ten Persons* having *united*, Executive, and dominant power with Himself,—*as Kings*, for an appointed time. And be it borne in



mind and duly remembered that throughout *this Vision*, whereinsoever Beasts or Horns are mentioned, the application is *always* and distinctly to Kings, to Men, or Persons. See the exact explanation which the Prophet gives from the 17th verse,—Daniel the VIIth.

Therefore,—The wild Tergiversation and estranged Outre' of Ten Nations! forming the Head, and Power of the single, and precise Fourth Kingdom!—must flash conviction of the Incongruity and Absurdity of the Idea; and should at once, be utterly dispelled, contemned and discarded by every Searcher after the Truth of God, and of the truth of His Prophet.

In order to keep close, and primarily so, to the description of the FOURTH BEAST and to The Bible authority, and of Daniel; It is written that, The *Revealer* of the Vision, explained to Him (Daniel) that,—“The Fourth Beast shall be *the* fourth Kingdom, upon Earth, which shall be diverse from all Kingdoms; and It shall *devour* the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces. And the Ten Horns out of *this* Kingdom of the Beast, *are* ten (symbolical) Kings, *that* shall arise.” Which Ten, are expressly defined as Ten Individuals or Persons, having *conjoint* power and executive Rule together, and along with the Beast,—the *Personal Head* and Director of the *whole*. “These,” saith the Divine St.

John, and confirmatory with his Authority, chapter xvii. 12—18. “These ten Horns which thou sawest upon the Beast, *these* shall hate the whore, (Babylon the Great) and *shall* make her desolate and naked, and *shall* eat her Flesh, and burn her with Fire.”—Who can deny? even no One, that the Executive and Personal Heads are now preying upon the *vitals*, or “eating the flesh,” of the Doomed, and Great City.

You may read the chapter xxii. of Isaiah, and learn from verses 15—19, of an awful Calamity which evidently appears near at hand; and which if You are disposed to make an honest and hearty *decision*; It is thought that you cannot fail to apply every Iota of the character to the fate of a certain One. Yet it appears this great and grand overthrow of *Shebna*, does not absolutely come to pass, until after “The Personal and Little Horn,” *shall* have *recovered* His former Power; and thereby have subdued, Three of the Personal Heads, having stationary power as Kings, with the scripturally denominated Beast: which manifestly and literally he did, and overcome—The Representative Head of the State, and Head of the Army, and Head of the Law—and *then* took *his* Seat and Government.—Daniel vii. 24.

It is a sad and mischievous Error to mix the Dynasty of the Little Horn, and without discrimination, with that of the Ten Horns and Personal Heads of the *first* Beast. But to reduce and force the appli-

cation and power of the little horn to 'the *Papacy*,' as the Chart avers,—*is* altogether *unwarrantable*, inconsistent, and irrelevant ; Insomuch as, THE PROPHECY respects and has regard *only*, to the Inherent properties and principles which *form*, and *constitute* the precise Government of the Beast,—terminating in the Fourth Kingdom.

The seeking to amalgamate *Nations* with this one Sovereignty, (which is *attempted* by Orthodox Professors, as well as by Authors of the Chart) *is* not only notoriously inapplicable ; *but*, as connected with its *Antedates* and *Assertions* of premature fulfilment ; may be thought of the most serious responsibility, and most jeopardous state which a Man can be cast into : —*If* such things of Estrangement and Perversion shall be persisted in, against the tremendous *warning*, and in Despite of the 18th and 19th verses of Chap. xxii. of the Revelations. And, *startle* at it as Men may, and be ASTOUNDED at their Prophesying and Interpretations ; We read *that*,—The Scripture testimony avers, all the awful events and times of the Prophecy of this *final* Book of Revelations from Heaven ! shall have accomplishment,—“ *must shortly* come to pass,” and which may be understood, *and* after Christ's own words, as in the 24th of Matthew,—*in* one Generation ; and which most feasibly may be ascertained and concluded, *is*, the present Age and period : in which according to the *Omnipotent decree*,—“ Both the Beast, and Him who is the False Prophet, shall be

cast alive into a lake of Fire.”—Probably the unceasing and unquenchable Fire of the Contentions, perpetual Irritations, Disputations, and Controversys are intended, and which *are* Scripturally confined to their Tophet: *Where*, unquestionably, the Bodies and Souls of the People, are consigned and doomed to War, to Bloodshed, and Death; under the Moloch, and the Star of the Tutelary Saint. Similarly to the testimony of the first Gospel Martyr, St. Stephen, and his declaration to the House of Israel,—“Yea, ye took up the Tabernacle of Moloch and of the Star Remphan, Figures which ye made to worship them: and I will carry you away beyond Babylon.” Acts vii. 43.

Many of the present Generation may well recollect that during the time of Contention and War with that Scourge of Nations, Buonaparte, *Who*, and apparently, was justly condemned for seizing Territory and dethroning Princes.—Nevertheless the British Prime Minister of that day (1807) who uttered the denouncement; at the same time added and averred, “it would be the maddest thing in the world if another Belligerent did not do the same.” And moreover, having thus shown that He had no better Principle to confide in and trust to,—*put* Himself on a level *therewith*, and openly avowed in the War-House of the Parliamentary Tophet, that,—“Retaliation *was* the essence and spirit of the British Constitution” !!

From that Day and forward of the subtle and beguiling Anti-Christianism avowed and set up; might

be reckoned as an especial Data and Year of commencement for the accomplishment of the Apocalyptic Prophecy in this Generation—and of the watchful eye of Providence having been intent to blast the Antichristian principle as so proclaimed for Doctrine and Justification; and as opposed to that of His approved and beloved Son,—*whose* Doctrinal Precepts and Principles *alone*, He will countenance and support, for the Preservation and Salvation of all Mankind that believe and trust in him.

The spirit of Retaliation has now met its Double,—in the practical Justification of Oaths, as being *also* the essence and spirit—nay, as the *rudiment and principle* of the British Constitution; which has tainted and infected the Hearts and Minds of Men, *even* to an eager continuation and stimulus of offence, by the brand of the Antichristian Franchise Oath Communication, virtually stamped, in Qualifying and Registering *the pronounced and denounced* Evil for Good; which has, universally, reached and attained its full achme and ripeness of offence and transgression; and to an issue and a contest of *Decision*:—“For, *it is the day* of the Lord’s vengeance, *and* the Year of recompences for the controversy of Zion.” And which will now try, and prove in the Event, *that* Principle which shall prevail and Rule in the World—the Law of God and Heaven! or the law of Man and Mammon!

The immediate Process of accomplishment of the Prophecys might have been noted and discerned from

the above stated Data, as having regularly progressed, to the *present time* of the Sixth Vial *having* been poured out upon the Great and Fruitful River Euphrates: Or literally,—The bountiful Source and River of Taxation! Whereof, the Water and supply *therefrom*, it may fitly and duly be presumed, is not far off from being “Dried Up,” as predicted.—Rev. xvi. 12.

The Judgment that has already fallen on that—the Symbolical Euphratean River has *now* convulsed the Nation: and the Stars have been seen Falling from their Political Hemisphere, as untimely Figs when the Tree is shaken with the mighty Wind.

And who would not rejoice and be glad that the Successor of Shebna, shall *not* be left to the choice and appointment of Man? And although there may be a temporary intervening,—Yet in the day, or time when *he* shall be Pulled down, and Driven from his Station and State! God himself has declared that, He will Call HIS servant Eliakim—‘The Resurrection of God’! And moreover saith The Lord God of Hosts, I will Clothe him with thy Robe, and Strengthen him with thy Girdle, and I will commit thy Government into his hand: and he shall be a Father to the Inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to the House of Judah. And the Key of the House of David will I lay upon his Shoulder; so *he* shall Open, and none shall shut; and *he* shall Shut, and none shall open. And I will fasten him *as* a nail in a sure Place; and *he*, the Eliakim

of God, shall be for a glorious Throne to *his* Father's house. And they shall hang upon Him all the Glory of his Father's house, the offspring and the issue, all Vessels of small quantity, from the vessels of Cups, even to all the Vessels of Flagons." *Thus* shall the promised Throne of David be set up. "In that day, saith the Lord of Hosts, shall the Nail that is fastened in the sure place *be removed*, and be cut down, and fall; and the Burden that *was* upon it shall be cut off: for the Lord hath spoken it." Isaiah xxii.

And again then, who is there that will not rejoice and be glad with thanksgiving and praise to Him, who hath the Power, even to God Himself, who hath said of His chosen servant Eliakim, that,—“The Key of the House of David will I lay upon his shoulder; so he shall open, and none shall shut; and he shut, and none shall open.”—*Thus then it appears*, the Throne of David shall be established; On which Christ himself will sit, and be Enthroned: and according to the Prophet,—“Of the increase of His government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.”—Isaiah ix. 7. And saith the Lord of Hosts, the Nail that *was* fastened in the sure place shall be removed and fall; and the grievous Burden, or load of Taxation, that *was* upon it shall be cut off.

In succession and immediately follows the Judgment and fearful Overthrow of the latter-day Daughter of Tarshish and Burden of Tyre,—“ Pass through thy land as a River, O *daughter* of Tarshish : there is no more strength. He stretched out his hand over the Sea, He shook the Kingdoms: the Lord hath given a Commandment against the *Merchant City*, to destroy the strong Holds thereof.” Howl, ye ships of Tarshish: for your strength is laid waste. Howl, Ye Inhabitants of the Isle.—“ *Is this Your joyous City*, whose Antiquity *is* of ancient Days? Her own feet (implicative of her ships) shall carry *her* afar off to sojourn. Who hath taken this council against Tyre, —the *Crowning City*, whose Merchants *are* Princes, whose Traffickers are the Honourable of the Earth? The Lord of Hosts hath purposed it, *To Stain the Pride* of all glory, and to bring into contempt all the honourable of the Earth.” Isaiah xxiii.

And continues the Prophet,—“ It shall be, as with the People, *so* with the Priest;”—“ The Earth mourneth and fadeth away, the World languisheth and fadeth away, the Haughty people of the Earth do languish. The Earth is defiled under the Inhabitants thereof; *because* they have transgressed the Laws, *changed* the Ordinance, *broken* the Everlasting Covenant.—*Therefore*, hath the Curse devoured the Earth; and they that dwell therein are desolate.”—“ Fear, and the Pit, and the Snare, *are* upon thee, O inhabitant of the Earth.”—“ The earth is



utterly broken Down, the Earth is clean dissolved, the earth is moved exceedingly. The Earth shall *Reel* to and fro like a drunkard, and shall be removed like a cottage; and the Transgression thereof shall be heavy upon it; and it shall fall, and not rise again. And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* the Lord shall punish the Host of the High Ones that are on High, and the Kings of the Earth upon the Earth. And *they* shall be gathered together, as Prisoners are gathered in the Pit, and shall be shut up in *the prison*, (their Tophet), and after many days shall they be visited. Then, (their Satellites and Planets)—“*The Moon* shall be confounded, and *the Sun* ashamed, *when* the Lord Of Hosts shall reign in Mount Zion, and in Jerusalem, and before his Ancients Gloriously.”—Isaiah xxiv.

In returning to the consideration and critical examination of the Prophecies of Daniel, which are so much *and* especially at issue and estimation at the present time, it may be well to remark that, beside *Those* that took place and were fulfilled in his own days and time; the Prophet Daniel has declared that, —The remainder were all to come to pass, and were *reserved* for Commencement and Fulfilment, *in the latter Days*. And consequently and exclusively—*Save and except that Prophecy of the Eight Chapter*, which has a precise and distinct reference and application to another, or, the Sister Kingdom:—Every one of Daniel's Predictions unite, and are in concord more or less, in

Revealing the Circumstantial and combined Mammon Powers and Principles of the GREAT FOURTH KINGDOM ; which should literally appear, and in the Height of its Glory, in the last Age and state of its Worldly ambition and prosperity ; *then*, in its accumulated Imperial Power, as Prefigured in Vision,—by the formidable and terrible Image of the Fourth Kingdom !—And which Kingdom shall be seen, *until*, by the Almighty Father, and by *his* Omnipotent Power *shall* the Living Stone be cut out of the Mountain without hands ; *which* shall smite the Image upon the Feet and break *them* to pieces ; so that *then* it shall fall, and all *its* Parts and Powers shall be scattered, and driven as Chaff before the Wind, and *no* Place be found for them. And the Stone which shall so smite the Image, *is ordained* to succeed it, and to prosper and increase as a great Mountain or Kingdom, which shall fill the *whole* Earth. Dan. ii.

Those who have watched the progress of Events of the Year 1807, and particularly *since* the Memorable occasion before alluded to—of Antichristianism *proclaimed* in the Law-giving House of the Nation !—*may find it*,—An all-sufficient Cause and Criterion of Data of the especial commencement of an avowed and *open hostility* against the Christian Spirit, and Apostolical Doctrine. And moreover, They may find, *that*, general and approved Apostacy ;—(if at all,) *was but*, very pusillanimously questioned or contested ; And which has *therefore* been in all probability and to all appearance, the chosen time in the eye and

mind of Providence for commencement, and for an Ostensible and very perceptible Sign of a proceeding from *thence*,—literally, progressively, and authoritatively, towards the accomplishment of Christ's Prophecies in *One*, and apparently in this Generation :—Whereof, He, whose every word is truth, hath testified and declared that,—*They shall* in such short space be fulfilled. Thus he foresaw, and as He foretold; and very apparently *comprehended* the Character and Principle of the present Race and times, and diffusion of its heterogeneous Dispensations.

Aloof then to all the Prophetic Antedates of Men, and *their* unauthorised prolongation of Times, and Dates, and premised Events,—and of all their vain surmisings and Falsifications of Hundreds of years of *premature* commencement, without any due or just Authority? but which *are* reversely, and heedlessly contrary to Scripture light and testimony. And moreover their irrelevant, obstinate and wilful application of their Self-devisings, to the latter-day Prophecies; especially as to their bearing emphatically on Rome, *are* all alike rejectable. Besides other instances of former Stress and Bearing, *exclusively*, on that City and Sovereignty of Rome, without any *legitimate* sanction of Authority, Test, or Proof. Of such description are also found the special Authorities as contained in the Chronological Chart.

It is truly grievous to read the aggravating Pretensions that are set forth in the Chart; and the *jarring*

conflict in mixing the *two* Visions and Prophecies of the *7th and 8th* of Daniel: which in the Text are rendered completely separate and distinct, one from the other.

The confusion it appears is of the utmost magnitude and self-condemnatory; and no wonder when “Chronologers” are looked up to *for* interpretation, instead of resting on the precise Testamentary Authority itself.

It is admitted that the Prophet when he saw the Vision *was* at Shushan, ‘the capitol of Persia.’ And it is added,—“Babylon, being *then* a subject of History, had *no place* in this Prophecy.” Yet looking down to the next Paragraph in the Chart for explanation;—a continued *stress* of reference and of application to Rome (or Babylon) is found, sentence after sentence:—All which, in every instance *has* in every deed,—‘*no place in this Prophecy.*’ Nor has the *reference* to the Second Chapter, which is dragged in; Any thing, or Ought to do with this Prophecy of the VIII<sup>th</sup>. The same inconsistency of irrelevancy and admixture of the two Prophecies *is* likewise found in the Cambridge Publications.

Instead of going to Rome for elucidation and facts,—If Truth be the Object in view, and in lieu of the Fiction and Ignis Fatuus of bewildering Expositors, which are many; We have only to look nearer, and directly at Home; and by the evidence, and *ap-*

*preciation* of Circumstantial Matters that *have* happened in these late, and in the last years and days,—might serve unerringly, to clear up the accomplishing, and proceeding to the accomplishment of the Prophecy. And therefore *that* due estimation might also serve to disperse all the *spurious* and counterfeit *applications* which are made to the Three, or to any and every One of the THREE great Prophecies of Daniel, of Christ, and of the Divine Evangelist.

In ousting all the laboured and irrelevant references to Rome, as regarding the very *distinct* Prophecy of the 8th of Daniel; and excluding the frail and confused Exposition of The Rev. T. R. Birks,—Let the believer look to the plain Testification, and the near and expected DEMONSTRATION of the comparatively, “*King of fierce countenance*,” Standing up at a time when the Transgressors (Idolaters) are come to the full. And moreover looking to the bold countenance of that One of understanding Dark Sentences; And also his standing up against the Prince of Princes!” Yet, and paradoxical, as it might seem, —“*By Peace destroying Many*.”—By instilling *ruinous and deceiving Idolatrous* Popish Doctrines and Principles into the Hearts and Minds of the Millions of his Followers—not instructing or telling any One of them *that being and continuing* an Idolator,—it is *impossible* he can enter the Kingdom of God,—*be* he Pope, Bishop, Protestant, Priest, or Peasant. Nor one or the other can ever bring his Idol,—Popish or

Protestant, Irish or English Tutelary Saint,—any more than himself, *considered in fine*, as the Representative of his Idol that he bows down to, and serves, and worships. *They* may boast of their Millions, yet with God and the Scriptures, though The Rebellious shall come up,—“in the *four* Quarters of the Earth,”—not even by Millions, but “*innumerable* as the Sand of the Sea, and shall compass the Camp of the *Saints of God* about, and of the beloved City :”—Yet then, shall “Fire come down *from* God out of Heaven, and devour them.”—Revelations xx. 1—10.

Who does not recognise the ‘King of fierce Countenance!’ and by his great *Forensic Knowledge* of the dark sentences of the Law ;—having contested with, and overcome many of the Learned and Highest Authorities of the Land? Who does not *also* know His long manifested, and open opposition to the Doctrines and Ordinances of the “Prince of Princes?” And of *His* forcibly inculcating the love of *Fatherland* and green *Erin!* In violation, or, of the most glaring *strife and contest* with the Ordinance, and of the INJUNCTION of the “Prince of Princes :”—Whose expressed Doctrinal teaching and commands *were*, and which still *are*,—“Lay up for yourselves Treasures in Heaven, and *not* upon Earth : for where your treasure is, *there* will your Heart be also.” And, again exhorts the Saviour of Man,—“Love *not* the World, *neither* the things that are in the world. If *any* Man love the World, the love of the Father

*is not* in him." And in respect to the treacherous Apostacy of Principle that Deceives, saith the PROPHECY in question and in regard to the One of which it treats,—“He *shall be* broken without hand.” *Not* that He has been broken, as the fallacy in the Chart asserts; and for proof whereof, see the Authority.—Dan. viii. 23—25.

But Annotators and Chronologers have been widely led astray and bewildered, by their Anti-Prophetic *Antedates* and conclusions therefrom; and by successive and ceaseless *intermingling* of Prophecies, which in the Scriptures are clearly and openly set apart and precisely distinct.

The CLIMAX of confusion, of admixture, and dereliction from Prophetic testimony is even found in the *two lines* of the Chart, respecting the great Horn of the Goat.—“He shall be broken without hand.” *So will Rome.*—(See ch. ii.)—“Broken by the Stone cut out without hands.”

The magnitude of thorough *misconception*, and mischief of again dragging in the Prophecy of the 2nd Chapter of Daniel, to explain that entirely *distinct* one of the 8th; is, as it were, fully sufficient to suppress and quench all further Idea of criticism.

Nevertheless there is cause and reason enough to proceed and notice, The outstretched *presumption* and

bold *dictation* which the Writers in the Chart have advanced in reference to the 'locality of Rome,' as the Apocalyptic Babylon: Which surely and in every instance is inconsistent, incoherent, and inapplicable to the Scripture Test; therefore, not to be allowed or admitted for a moment,—as being without Authority and without Book: and which with the utmost facility may be tested *and proved* by taking up the 17th and 18th Chapters of the Revelations. Which Chapters are the only Texts, and true Version of the Prophetic and latter day Babylon.

The very unquestionable Characteristics of Ship-Masters, and Merchants, and Traffickers, whereby it is to be recognised, and which is testified it shall comprehend—*Cannot* be wrested in anywise, literally, to apply to Rome. And which observation I have heretofore stated in a few words, in a Pamphlet of 1842. And in which I have adverted to Commentators, and have also animadverted on their applications of the Prophecies—having averred that, apparently, Protestants are more self-condemnatory than Papists: *because* they avow, that the latter, Roman Catholics do, (and which is notorious that They do) suppress and sequester the Scriptures,—the Book of Life, and Light of the Truth. Whereas the former, even Protestants maintain *opposition* to the Text of the Scriptural Babylon, *even*, with permission and allowed acknowledgment of having the Testamentary Book of the 18th of Revelations in their hands and open before them. Yet



turn therefrom and go back ; *adopting* for interpretation, *the* imaginative and speculative Expositions of their factitious Predecessors.

Having now given so full an explanation of the views and sentiments excited and induced by some of the Principal subjects of the Chart ; and of Expositors, coincidently, with matters relative thereto : therefore, I wish to confine further remarks chiefly to the ‘ *Three Prophetic Symbols*’ therein specified.

Of the first Symbol it is said, in the Chart, that,—  
 ‘ John commences with Rome in its Pagan Form!’  
 Which of itself is assuming a license of applicability beyond any *admissible*, or due Authority. In proof, see the Text of the Divine, Rev. xii. 3, 4, which announces and says,—“ And there appeared another wonder in heaven, and behold, a great Red Dragon, having seven Heads and ten Horns, and seven Crowns upon his Heads. And his Tail drew the Third part of the Stars of Heaven, and did cast Them to the Earth.” Surely in this Vision of the Prophet, there is nothing indicative of ‘ Pagan Form,’ neither is there reference ‘ to Rome.’

Be it duly noticed that John’s description of the great Red Dragon is always Humanly *Personal* ; and that in the instance which He gives of the *commencement* and *appearance* of the Dragon, is, “ that He stood *in Person*, before the Personal Woman which

was ready to be delivered of *her* Man Child, which was to Rule all Nations with a Rod of Iron."

The Prophecy,—concerning which the mere fanciful and fearful, and mere hazardous *conceit* of Man, *respecting*, "*Pagan Rome, or Papist Rome ;—or the French Revolution under Buonaparte ;—or French government, or Italian government ;*" has not *a jot or tittle* to do *with* the Prophecy of the *Divine* St. John : Who, circumscribes and centres *his* application to a *literal and Fourth Kingdom*, which should appear, or re-appear *in the last days* and which *must have* accomplishment *in a short time*, after manifesting and shewing *the commencement* of its Characterised Features, and Circumstantial Events as prognosticated.

The *Figure* of the Dragon as delineated in the Chart, exceeds, as it were, all bounds of expression of contempt ! Especially when compared with the Vision of the inspired St. John, as related and *revealed* in the 12th chapter of his Revelations. The seven Heads of the great Red Dragon had then Seven Crowns upon his Heads—Himself and his seven, Personally Pre-figured. But the puerile, ridiculous and counterfeit Image, represents the Figure of a Serpent, having Five Crowns upon *five* Heads ! And after a Childish manner in order to account for the ten Horns—*places Ten Horns* also, upon its *five* Heads !

If the pitiable, and *Whimsical Freak* may be exceeded it will be seen in the next execrable,—con-

temptible, and folliful *Leopard-like* Representation of *The Beast*. See Revelations xiii.

The Divine Revealer says,—“The Beast which He saw rise up out of *the* Sea, (the Babylonish, or Tophet sea of confusion) having *seven* Heads and *ten* Horns, and upon his horns *Ten* crowns, and upon his *Heads* the name of Blasphemy.” Here the Vision is changed, and the Seven *heads* are *without* Crowns ; and the *Horns* had the *ten* Crowns ; and his *HEADS* instead of crowns, *had here* the name of *Blasphemy*.

All wanton excess of duplicity is shown in the Leopard Figure:—for although, St. John describes the Heads as being *destitute* of Crowns ;—yet, upon the *Image* of the Leopard are pitiaibly and despicably fixed, both *Ten Crowns* upon Five of his Heads, together with *ten Horns*!—all which seven Crowns upon the Heads had been *supplanted*, by their persevering Apostacy ; And therefore, and *deservedly* they had the written change and denomination ; and the title of *Blasphemy* upon their Heads, which Title succeeded and remained.

As to the Prophetic Periods which are insinuated and narrated, I need say but little, forasmuch as in my estimation, they are attempted to be shown on the most fallacious grounds, as to the imposition of Antedates, and the altered signification and definition of Prophetic *Days and Years*. Especially as they respect and have reference to the whole *Book* of the Pro-

phesy of the *Revelations* ; whereof I assume and reiterate that, incontrovertibly, in every instance, *Days and Years* as written, will literally be found to be true; and that,—God Himself will *then*, at such period, cause the Proverb respecting prolongation of Days to cease,—as foretold to Ezekiel, chapter xii.

We are taught to know that, it is to the glory of God to conceal a matter, and that it should not be known until His good pleasure seems meet. But Unbelievers that *wait* not ; and Scoffers that make light of His words, shall not understand : And forasmuch as Those that go out on their *own Prophecies* shall be overtaken and benighted, and shall be left to their self-beguilings ; and shall have their own Devices for *their* Portion ; and as it is written to *them*, —“ Walk in the light of your Fire, and in the Sparks *that* ye have kindled. This shall ye have of mine hand ; ye shall lie down in sorrow.”—Isaiah L. 11.

And saith the inspired Prophet of the latter-day,—“The words of God *are* closed up and sealed till the time of the end. Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried ; but the wicked shall do wickedly ; and *none* of the Wicked shall understand ; but the Wise shall understand.”—Daniel xii.

That time of the End or of the Age it seems is at hand, when Men shall be zealous to learn, and eager to search for the Truth, and *understand it*—For, as it is written ; When—“THE JUDGMENTS OF GOD

*are* in the Earth, the Inhabitants of the World will learn Righteousness."

It appears now undeniable, that the Protestant World is advanced to that state of Ripeness and Judgment of the Sixth Vial of the Wrath of God poured out upon the great and *fruitful* river Euphrates—or, the Parliamentary source of Taxation! and its overflowing Supply for Wars, and all other ruinous Expenditures of the Nation. And in *(their)* Armageddon are they now gathered together, and as it is written that,—*there* shall be, "The Dragon, the Beast, and the False Prophet; out of whose Mouths *shall come* Three unclean spirits like Frogs; which *are*, it is recorded, Three Spirits of Devils, working miracles, *which* go forth *unto* the *KINGS* of the Earth, and of the whole World, to gather them to the Battle of that great day of God Almighty."

Thus shall be universally manifested; The Almighty Father *contending* for the *Kingdom* of his Anointed Christ: which he hath promised him for a Thousand Years Reign upon the Earth.

There yet remains the last and consummatory Seventh Vial of God's wrath to be poured out into the Air! Upon which taking place, The great Voice out of the Temple of *(their)* Heaven, and *from* The Throne, proclaims,—“It is done.” This absolute and perfect Completion, most probably (I was about

to say indisputably,) implies and signifies the near and expected DISSOLUTION of the present confused SYSTEM, *now*, in its last stage and struggle : Already shook and become “Partly strong and partly broken”—the Signs *foretold* preceding its final overthrow. And the last Vial being poured out into the Air, and its effects and consequences cast to the Winds—imports, the Dispersion of all its parts of “Iron and Clay, Brass, Silver and Gold.” And when, therefore,—ALL the GLORY of the rebellious Antichristian Franchise-spirit, shall depart ;—its *Root*, its Branches, and TREE which *it* has *formed* from the “Miry Clay” or lowest of the People, after the Legislative Power given to them, unwittingly, *as* the Iron and Clay Feet and Toes, which, “shall be smitten and broken, and scattered as the Chaff of the Summer threshing floors ; and carried away of the Wind, that no Place be found for it, or for them.”

This awful Judgment and upsetting of the System of Men, *opposed* in Principles to the Divine ; will, we find, be attended and followed by “Voices, and Thunders, and Lightnings ; and an Earthquake so great and mighty, *such* as was not since Men were upon the Earth.”—And so remarkable and extraordinary is the Earthquake proclaimed, that it shall *divide* “the Great City into Three Parts ; and the Cities of the Nations fall, (as in Vision they fell) and Great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto Her the Cup of the Wine of the fierceness of his Wrath.”

This tremendous Fate, Destruction and Ruin of the GREAT BABYLON, and which it appears is at hand to come ; will so amaze MANKIND that,—“ every Island” they were wont to Protect for its support,—“ fled away :” and the “ Mountains” or Great Men, of the Stations of the Earth,—its chief stay and strength “ were not found :” They shall be so Affrighted and Dismayed. For, “ *upon Men* there fell a great Hail out of heaven, *Every Stone* about the weight of a Talent ;”—Apparently *from* their Political Element. “ And Men blasphemed God because of the plague of the Hail ; for the Plague (from their own Atmosphere upon them) was exceeding great.”

Immediately after this great Plague, succeeds the *Judgment* of the Babylonish Whore ; pronounced and Revealed *by One* of the Seven *Angels* of God, saying, —“ Come hither ; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the Great Whore that sitteth upon many waters : With *whom* the Kings of the Earth have committed fornication, and the Inhabitants of the earth have been made Drunk with the wine of her Fornication.” And saith the Evangelist,—the appointed and chosen of God to unfold the Mystery to Men ;—“ I saw a Woman sit upon a *Scarlet coloured Beast*, full of Names of Blasphemy ; Having Seven Heads, and Ten Horns. And the Woman was arrayed in Purple and Scarlet colour ; and having a Golden Cup in her hand :”—unquestionably, the ostensible Emblem of reward for her Worshipers.

And of the Woman saith the Divine St. John, I saw that,—“ Upon her Forehead *was* a Name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS, AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.”—With whom, The KINGS of the Earth have committed Spiritual Fornication. “ And I saw the Woman drunken with *the blood* of the Saints, and with the blood of the Martyrs of Jesus : and *when* I saw her, I wondered with great admiration ! And the Angel said unto me, Wherefore didst thou marvel ? I will tell Thee the Mystery of the Woman, *and* of The Beast that carrieth Her, which hath the seven Heads and ten Horns.” The Symbol of the Woman is pronounced, “ The great City which reigns over the Kings of the earth.” And the Prophet also testifies that, The Scarlet Coloured Beast, full of Names of Blasphemy, on which she sitteth and which carrieth Her ; hath moreover seven Heads and ten Horns *of Power*. Thus is faithfully portrayed the Character of the Beast ; and of the Power and Properties invested in the great City of the Nationally Scarlet coloured Beast. Not a jot or tittle have the seven Heads and ten Horns of the Beast to do with the bigotted Exposition or besotted Imposition of *Ten Kingdoms* ; or with any of the *Seven Heads* of various Forms and extraneous Powers of either Romanist, or any other Denomination : No not of any—save and except those Descriptive and Inherent Powers of the Heads and of the Horns, which *constitute* the Beast ! and which *united* power they render and give to Him.

Let the presuming Clerical Expositors of Cambridge



in particular look to it, who have been so prone to circulate the above mentioned Aberrations, and other such inconsistencies respecting Rome, and Kingdoms of Man's Inventions and self-devisings—for a fearful *responsibility* before God, must hang over them,—Rev. xxii. 18, 19. So likewise let all other Sectarians look well to it ; and especially too the Author or Authors of the Chronological Chart ;—*assimulated*, and grounded as it appears that they are in professed Principles—to vindicate Historic, *instead of*, or, in preference to Apostolic Authorities. Notwithstanding, the Testamentary Prophecy relates only, and is confined to the *Exemplification* of the One Great and FOURTH Kingdom.—May *they* then so try, and All Students likewise so try, to understand and receive it ;—excluding all extraneous references.

The Divine Teacher proceeds further to explain the condense, and the precise peculiarities of *the* Fourth Kingdom, and Presidency of the Beast ! and says that, The revealing *Angel* said unto him,—“ The Beast that thou sawest *was, and is not ; and shall ascend* out of the bottomless Pit, and go into Perdition.” How plainly is this seeming Paradox *now* Statistically cleared up, in reference to the ostensible One, who has been, and was not, and is now in the THIRD and last stage of his Political existence,—in the declared Tophet, and Scripturally pronounced Bottomless pit—Aptly so called from its endless Law-making, in contradistinction to that System and code of Laws which *changeth not*.

Still to encourage search and understanding the *inspired* Prophet saith—"Here, is the mind which hath wisdom. The Seven Heads are seven Mountains, on which the Woman sitteth." And who is there that has but a Glimpse of the Symbolical, and consequently of *right* interpretation of the Prophecy ; and does not know that by Mountains, are symbolically signified *Stations of High Power*, and Those that occupy and possess them ? And if any Man does know this ; With what pitiable contempt will he explode the hackneyed pretence and common allusion to the literal and meagre seven hills ! on which Rome is situate ? Which City, howsoever, great *as are* its wilful, obstinate and dreadful Apostacies ; *is* nevertheless exempt from particular reference in this Prophecy.

St. John yet narrates,—"And there are seven *Kings*."—How ridiculous must appear the perverse exposition of Hills for Mountains ! or any allusion to *seven kings* of the seven *hills* of Rome ? Equally at variance with the Prophecy are the many Theoretical references to Rome, as seen in the Chart, and in other as vain Expositions of froward, and *impatient* Commentators.

Of the seven Heads as Kings, and as the Mountains of Power, the Divine Revealer, saith,—"Five are fallen, and One is, *and* the Other is not yet come ; and when he cometh he must *continue* a short space."

Let those who are conversant with the Stations of High and Executive Power, seek to ascertain the

"Five fallen," and the succeeding regnant ; for *now* and of late, *since* the Prophecy has been in operation and effect, the whole may and must be found. Of the Eighth Head, which *must* continue a short space, having High or Mountainous Power, it is written—"He is of the Seven, and goeth into perdition." But first He obtains the short space of "an Hour" of Power with his Confederates. *These* together, as recorded, "Shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them : for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings : and they that are with him *are* called, and chosen, and faithful."

Clearly and indisputably when the Eighth Lord, and Executive Cabinet Member was enunciated and initiated in the Legislative and Upper House of Parliament, and having taken the imposed Oaths on the 13th of February, 1845,—He then became the recognised Eighth, in conjunction with the Seven Heads already *there*, having the concentrated Membership and operative Rule and Government with himself : and, either altogether, and Individually, in their Stations having Power, "As Kings."

It therefore so comes to pass that, the Eight Heads becoming thus united with the Body, form together the long sought and looked for number, "Six hundred threescore and six."

And be it duly noticed, for it is of tremendous import, *when* the Executive and Elective Eight shall

be found as the conjoint and consolidated Heads of the no-less Acting-Body 658; and being ingrafted into and upon that Number, as the United and complete Executive Power,—the result and issue *is found*, incontestibly, as forming together, that fatal and ominous Number 666! Of which Power,—*not* of a man, but the *Aggregate* of the Constituent Power as formed *by* Man. And the consequence of being One of his Number is *indelibly* recorded; and of,—“Who-soever worships the Beast and his Image, shall be tormented with Fire and Brimstone, and have no rest Day nor Night; but the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever.”—Rev. xiv. 8–11.

Wherefore let Priests and all Others which countenance and support the Kingdom of the Beast! look well to it, for an awful fate is now but barely suspended over every one that shall worship Him or his Image.

Yet a Voice from Heaven proclaims—“Blessed are the Dead which die in the Lord from *henceforth*!” which Voice and emphatic word applies,—*after* the Beast has been seen and known; and which is addressed, *especially*, to those which have escaped the worship of the Beast and of his Image; and that rest in the patience and faith of Jesus.

How lamentable appears the customary extract reading of the “*henceforth*,” indiscriminatively, of this sublime verse over a dead Body;—perhaps of an

Infidel, an *Idolater*, and Unrepentant ?—And if so, For ever *inadmissible* in the Kingdom of God and Christ.

This Text and Thirteenth Verse is indeed an especial exhortation, which above all, concerns *the Living* ; and *at* this time of the Judgments of God in the Earth ; and derives its bearing and *effectual* application from the expressed “ *henceforth!*” And here, very *observably* the stress of the word—in connection with its antecedent,—*implies* the heavenly Benediction, and a peculiar Blessing on those, the *then* Living ;—besides, and exclusively of those, that *have* died in the Lord : and which have *not* worshipped the Beast or his Image. But how could the Text have its peculiar relevance and effect, *until the Beast had appeared*, and those, *the blessed among Men* avoided, and fled from his worship ?

Is there Bishop, or Priest whatsoever, that will even *now* say that he has acquired the knowledge of the NAME and NUMBER of the Beast, and *is therefore* qualified to give the *awful and requisite warning* to the People ? For it is become of the most *searching*, and of the most fearful responsibility. It may feasibly be answered and admitted that there is none, no not *One* that has yet so acquired, or that has by any means obtained that clear and perfect knowledge which the Texts *exhort* to and *recommend* to the understanding thereof.

The impatience of Many has led and driven them to the most pitiable inconsistencies ; However it is not

possible that any One should have acquired that knowledge heretofore, or *till* this appointed time— Seeing that it has been *sealed* by Infinite Wisdom until this late period ; and not allowed to be appreciated and understood, before its taking place, when *and* as now it shall speak for itself ; and most *apparently* that time is now come ; and that Providentially, and after God's good pleasure He will reveal it to the *saved* of Men ; and to the exclusion of Unbelievers, and the mere Worldly-wise ; who, disregard the cautionary warning and the testified consequences,—*if* they worship an Earthly Power. Yet the words of caution are given, and the awful warning so plainly written, that, the simplest of the Faithful and Believing may understand, and be effectually warned that, they worship *not* the Beast or his Image. :

There is only One Commentator among the many which have attempted Exposition, that has given *even a clue* to a right Interpretation ; and that is The Rev. Dr. Croly in his Volume of 1828, entitled ' Interpretation of the Apocalypse,' and therefore it is now ('46) the Eighteenth Year since he published the clear and precise definition ; *and* by giving *a just and perfect Translation* from the original Text : for which the unlearned Linguists have need to be exceedingly thankful ; and which is found in the 227th Page of his Book. After having previously stated that, ' The first error of the Commentators *has lain* in their disregard of the plain meaning of the Original Text :'

The Doctor's excellent elucidation and most minute translation and explanation runs thus—

“The number IS described to be, NOT the number of **A** man ;” but “a number of man,” a number such as are in human use, or simply, a Number.”

Instead of waiting for ascertainment and appreciation of the number *formed* by Man and of a Constituency to be revealed, which the Prophecy intimates and foretells,—shall be framed and established as in Human use,—a Ruling Number and Power of 666—and which *is*, Supernaturally denominated and termed the Beast ! Instead of waiting for such event transpiring, which shall be so manifest *that* he that runs may read and understand : It may be regretted that Dr. Croly himself after having stated the point so clearly, should have left it unappreciated ; and not have waited for the appointed developement and fulfilment : and that in his Book, it is found he has not only enlarged, but *it* is seen therein, that He has diverged into a similar turmoil and turbulent Sea of extraneous matter, and of multiplied incoherences like *those* of his Predecessors.

I revert however, to one other quotation from Dr. Croly's Volume which in Page 223 is thus—‘ It may have been known to the reader, that the Number of the Beast, “the 666” has exercised more intellects than perhaps any one problem, sacred or profane,—that ever perplexed the human mind.’

Notwithstanding the ambiguity of the aforementioned Problem it should not excite embarrassment or wonder, save and except in the vain scientific and mere humanly disposed worldly mind of *man* ; and especially in the case, as the Doctor Croly himself has shewn that—The Learned have gone out on a *false construction* of the Phrase ; and in such delusion they have delved and groped to find, by Bookish authorities, the 666 in one Man ! In such dilemma, and of such description *are* the learned Irenæus and Vitranga, who, it appears (as quoted) that, *They* sunk into the like gulph and abyss, coincidentally, with the later Expounders, and with the similar attempts and like essays of the modern Pretenders ;—*who*, still persist to *distract* themselves and others by giving vent to their wearisome, endless, and fruitless toil to find by Riddle or Conundrum the Mysterious Number. Such is the puerile and Childish Idea that, by a kind of conjuration, or by fanciful numerical Letters, *THEY* have thought, and still think to unravel the *hidden* Number ! How pitiable and most contemptible must all such affectation appear, *when reduced*, and put in competition with an Identical, Individual, Aggregate, and Undivided Number,—*constituting*, THE RULING POWER ? And if indeed that Time of appreciation be now come, it will prove—most awfully *prove* all OFFICIATES, whether they are Priests of God, or of the Beast ! Whether they are Preachers of Apostolic Principles, or of the rudiments of the Prince of the power of the Air, and God of this World ? The time and Crisis of trial being come, whether they shall be found Pro-



moters—And Oh! the dreadful state, *if* they shall appear as Defenders and Supporters of the Kingdom of the Beast!—Rev. xiv. 9—11.

This fearful, and final Test arriving, and of Whosoever shall teach the worshipping and service of the Beast or his Image, *applies*, equally to the Church, as to *the State*—which latter enacts and forms, and ordains and repeals, and Commands *for Doctrine* its State-Church-Principles, as from time to time its Pleasure seems meet. And in proof hereof even at Oxford the seat of Tuition, and of State subserviency, —its arbitrary and imposing subscription to the Parliamentary framed Church Articles, *is* made the *primary* and indispensable condition; which above all *is*, and which consists in—a Spiritual, and a Conscientious binding and surrendering to keep the Statutes of the University: and, at the expense and qualification thereof, *by* trampling under foot the first principle of the acknowledged law of the Gospel,—the only known Code and Law of Salvation! This aberration and transgression of *Oath-service* is now become, generally, and openly professed and avowed, as of first consequence, and which is practically *imposed*, and its importance *impressed* to observe and keep,—The Human institution, *preclusively*, or instead of the Divine ordinance, and the simplified Christian institution of truth; *as* sufficient for all things between Men.

But which is rather sought to be turned aside as insignificant and inefficacious, and moreover sequestered; *that*, the Antichristian Franchise Oath-

spirit might have preference and intrinsically prevail.

Even a stimulus to *Register* is enforced, and thereby, *virtually*, to confirm the Act of Voting and to justify the rebellious Oath-speaking and Communication ; consequently, in contempt of Christ's Ordinance, and in open opposition to the Christian and Gospel dispensation. Mankind being thus instigated to abrogate the Divine Precept, and influenced to substitute the Human Device, insomuch, as it appears that the Minds of the People are generally infected, and fearfully beguiled ; *therefore*, and without due consideration they are perilously led to adopt and approve, the Worldly-minded Institute, and Mammon Principle.

Such is the raging Anomaly that, an ostensible Leader and Roman Catholic, and therefore an Idolater ; is found in confraternity and confederacy with a generally known Quaker, (by Name at least,) *and likewise*, as a professed Political Teacher and Guide : and *both* in conjunction and conspiracy with the notorious and numerous Class denominated Leaguers—*whose* openly public, and avowed Maxim is, to further and increase the Apostacy—to Patronise and establish the Worldly Principle and Power—to set up the *Anti-christ* on *his* Legs of Iron, effected, in the spirit of *his* franchise-power ; *as* invested in the Iron and Clay Toes and Feet—the foundation, and the root of *all* his Power. Consequently the establishing thereof, *is*, the wilfully setting up of the Kingdom of the Beast ! For confirmation and unquestionable Judgment thereof,

see the 2d and 7th chapters of the Prophet Daniel ; and in accordance, the faithful Evangelist,—Rev. xiv. 9—11.

Time is at hand to prove the Principles which shall stand and predominate ; especially in the Millenary Reign and Kingdom of Christ—appointed of God—which many profess to apprehend and believe has commenced ; and, in which Thousand years Rule of the Redeemer of Mankind,—“ He must reign until he hath put all Enemies under his feet. And *when* all things shall be subdued unto him, *then* shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, *that* God may be all in all.”—1 Cor. xv. 25—28.

This Kingdom shall and will bring to the test, Every Sectarian Principle and Profession whatsoever : And all shall know that, the One *only* from God and Heaven, and ordained to fill the Earth, shall stand and abide and Rule for Ever.

As the chief Prophecies of the Scriptures appertain and direct to the appreciation of the Great *Fourth* Kingdom ;—it behoves all to wait and look for the grand Criterion, and Consummation of its Judgments in the latter Days. And indisputably, and howsoever astounding it may seem, all the Ramifications of its Features and Powers appear, Prophetically, to centre and allude to the Protestant Kingdom. And whether specifically and demonstratively, through its Covetous principles, it shall be incited to exercise

its superlative and overwhelming means :—to all appearance it is likely to prove itself, *that Kingdom* “which shall devour the whole Earth, and shall tread it down and break it in pieces.”—Daniel vii. 23.

The final Conquest of the Earth for a limited period, it appears as written and recorded, *is reserved* for accomplishment under the *resumed* Power of the Little Horn, and like as the former,—a Nominal King of the Fourth Kingdom ; including the Four Quarters of its Saintly Tutelaries. But, “The Judgment shall sit, and *They* shall take away his Dominion, to consume and to destroy *it* unto the end. And the Kingdom and Dominion, and the Greatness of the Kingdom under the whole Heaven, *shall* be given to the People of the Saints of the MOST HIGH, whose Kingdom *is* an Everlasting Kingdom, and all Dominions shall serve and obey *Him*.” Dan. vii. 24-27.

And continues Daniel in this 7th Chapter, and in consummation of the good Will, and sovereign Power of the Most High, saith the Prophet—“I saw in the night visions, and, behold, *One* like the SON OF MAN came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the ANCIENT of Days, and they brought him near before him. And there was given Him dominion, and glory, and a Kingdom, *that* all People, Nations, and Languages, should serve him: His dominion *is* an everlasting Dominion, which shall Not pass away, and his Kingdom *that* which shall not be destroyed.”

And, Who is there that will not say? Amen.

In returning to the question of the assumed and overbearing Principle and Power of wielding Destruction, Desolation, and Death, and of its being in accordance with the Spirit of the Most High, we have many or *innumerable* instances and *proofs* to the contrary.

Therefore Mankind should understand that, if they hope *and* look for favour from their Heavenly Father, they must Doff the justification of Violence before Him, *and repent*. And all Men should know, even Those that choose and *justify* War and Vengeance, that they are the Instruments in the hands of God to execute his wrath and indignation : and that He has appointed their award in this World, like as he gave to Nebuchadnezzar King of Babylon, the land of Egypt for a spoil and a prey ; and for the Wages, and for the reward of his Army and for their Services. Ezek. xxix.

But to those who look up to the Most High and Omnipotent God for *his* Peace and Protection, He hath given many gracious cautions, and merciful warnings by his Prophets ; even Christ himself said to his Disciples,—“ Ye shall hear of Wars and rumours of Wars ; but see that *ye* be not troubled therewith.”

And Zephaniah, one of the last of the Old Bible Prophets, has thus left recorded, *his* exhortation and command from God—“ Wait ye upon me, saith the Lord, until the day that I rise up to the prey ; for my determination *is* to gather the Nations, that I may assemble the Kingdoms, *to pour upon them mine Indignation, even all my fierce Anger* ; for all the Earth shall be devoured with the Fire of my *jealousy*. For then will I turn to the People a pure Language, that they

may all call upon the Name of the Lord, to serve Him with one consent.”—Zephaniah iii. 8.

Ever since the Christian Era and the Dispensation of its Precepts and Truths, which have been introduced and established by its faithful Adherents,—The Apostles—The Sword and Violence in the most especial and direct manner, has been forbidden and *denounced*. Therefore, without repentance there is *no* restoration. How abhorrent in the Sight and Mind of the Creator, *was* the taking away the Life of Man, *even* by accident, may be seen as fully expressed and *circumstantially* detailed in the Old Scriptures: and which conclusively *serve* to show that, in an especial manner, every Duellist is announced and proclaimed a Murderer. As thus—“If he (any Man) smite with *an* Instrument of Iron, or with throwing a Stone, or with *an hand* Weapon of Wood, where-with a Man *may* die, and he die, He *is* a Murderer, the Murderer shall surely be put to Death.” See the Book of Numbers, especially Chapter xxxv. 15—34.

In order to convince his Disciples and to correct their spirit and disposition,—Christ allowed *One* of his Followers to strike with the Sword and wound; but he suffered it no further, and immediately healed the wound;—Instructing and saying to his zealous Friend and would be Defender,—“Put up again thy Sword: for all they that take the Sword shall perish with the sword. Thinkest thou that I cannot now

Pray to the Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve Legions of Angels." Therefore, there is *not* a single instance in all the Gospel of any Apostle or of any Disciple of Jesus, ever having drawn the sword of man to defend himself or another. Which precept and doctrine of Prohibition the Saviour of Man when in his Resurrection state hath further confirmed, by testimony of his ANGEL from Heaven to his servant John; and which is written and faithfully recorded,—"He that killeth with the Sword, must be killed with the sword."—Rev. xiii. 10.

Whether then the sword of Violence in the hand man shall be justified, or possibly repented of, *that* the Soul perish not! stands the question? The only justifiable sword of a Christian is proclaimed,—The Sword of the Spirit, "sharper than any two-edged sword, and is a Discerner of the thoughts and intents of the Heart."—Heb. iv. 12.—Rev. xix. 15.

The law of Truth and the Gospel as revealed, is not like the Double-sided Face of Man; which asserts Belief of its Doctrine on one side; and Professionally *contradicts* it on the Other. Which acknowledges for Salvation, the blessed and benevolent Precepts of Christ's Sermon on the Mount; and on the other hand introduces a Set of Self-devised and Worldly framed Articles and Precepts for doctrine and principles.

Such are unquestionably the 39 Articles of the Parliamentary Church of England—dictated, and required

for recognition, by all Protestant Members thereof. Notwithstanding several of which Articles of Protestant device and fabrication, are, in open violation and flagrant opposition to the commands, and ordinances, and *words* of Jesus Christ. For instance the 39th and 37th in *justification* of Oaths and War; in defiance of the command of Christ and in opposition to the testimony of God—"Hear Him."

Wherefore, in consequence of such express dereliction and apostacy from the truth, as it is in Jesus,—Protestantism may aptly become, and probably and very apparently, is, near to become distinguishable and known, *by* a Protesting against many of the Ordinances and Principles of the Saviour God; and which he expressed and delivered in his recorded Sermon, and Discourses, and Injunctions to his Disciples.

Although Protestantism has been understood heretofore, and characterised, *as* Protesting against Popery, Purgatory, and Idolatry; yet now by its degrading Alliance, it is completely assimilated and ingulfed therewith. Moreover, the disowned and repudiated doctrine of Purgatory, may be found exceeded by the imposition of the 3d Protestant Article; and *by* the lying doctrine,—Flatly Anti-scriptural,—which it wilfully inculcates against the words and lips of Jesus himself. The Saviour of Man and the Anointed of God, being ever and always to be recognised, and in every instance found, as being the God of Truth: and,



who testified and declared *that*, and on the Day of his *expiation* on the Cross for the Sins of all the repentant of Mankind, and their Redemption finished ! He should that very day *depart* and the *Repentant* thief be with Him *in Paradise*—His Kingdom.

Let it be duly remarked that the Elect of Christ on the Cross not only repented, but he *besought*, and called upon Him as his Lord, to be remembered when he should come into *his* Kingdom ; and to whom he gave His blessed answer and reply—“ Verily I say unto thee, *To-day* shalt Thou *be* with me *in Paradise*.”

But instead of blessing the Paradisiacal promise, and cherishing the happy Sentimentality of Jesus Christ's departure thence—The Article perversely and obstinately *asserts* and audaciously *substitutes* that—“ It is to be believed that, *He went down into Hell*.” !! This too, after His having suffered *on* the Cross all the pains and pangs of Hell, which the malice of the Devil, and the malignancy of Man could inflict.

Be therefore accursed, the insinuation in the Article, and execrated its damnable, baneful, and evil doctrine ;—as; being against the light of Salvation, *and* in contradiction to the asseveration of Christ's own words and Truth.

The Perverters of God's word and Truth, who put the Lie into the mouths of the People, commonly assert and signify *that*, MANKIND should not appre-

hend the Descent into Hell, as being the place, the residence and the abode, of the Idolatrous, Tormentors, Reprobates and all the Damned ! as is generally understood that they do.—No, say the Learned, we possess a Reservation, a scientific caveat which you, the unlearned neither perceive or understand. In proof whereof see the Dictionary of the Rev. Dr. Hook on the word Hell, and more especially on *Gehenna* ; which latter term he defines, and whereof he admits, *is*, the Gospel signification and application ; and *thereby* he commits himself past reclamation. For if the Soul descends into Hell, or the Popish Purgatory, it is but a preparation for the Gehenna, and eternal damnation. And it is seen in the Paraphrase of Doctor Hook, how, like the Papists, he courts familiarity with the Hades or shades of Hell ; and with what reluctance, or scarcely if at all that They, or that *either* admit the Idea of peace and paradise at Death. *But saith*, He that overcame Death and Hell, the Alpha and Omega,—“ He that overcometh shall inherit all things ; and *I* will be *his* God, and he shall be my Son.—But the Fearful, and Unbelieving, and the Abominable, and Murderers, and Whoremongers, and Sorcerers, and Idolaters, and all Liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone : which *is* the second Death.”—Revelations xxi. 8.

Thus are summed up in one Verse, The eight Classes for eternal *Association* and Doom together ; if either one, when self-accused by his own conscience,—

separate not himself, *and* sue for remission with *heart-felt* sincerity and contrition. Yet, if an Individual of either such great and offending Class,—self-accusing *and* condemning himself;—such are the riches of Infinite love and mercy that, forgiveness is proffered to every ONE *on* repentance, and *by* Faith, in the cleansing blood of Jesus the Saviour God—*the ransom*, by his Life's-blood *shed* on the Cross, for the Sins of all Mankind; save and except that One, which he hath testified, “has no forgiveness in this world, or in that which is to come.”

Notwithstanding the offered and benevolent redemption, it may be feared that many of the Ungrateful of Mankind, even that Protestants harden themselves in a species of the Unpardonable sin; *by* attributing the sanction and authority of the Holy Ghost, to the things forbidden by the Spirit of Christ. For let it be remembered that Jesus Christ Himself was,—the Holy Ghost embodied, and the Spirit of the Father, *Personified in*, and by Him. Therefore resisting his words “is denying him and the Father that sent him.” Who commanded that Men should,—“Hear Him.” And, that He might be the High Priest, and *sole* Mediator between God and Man, for the Salvation of every Soul that lives, or *that* shall live, eternally, with the Most High.

In despite of the presumptuous and the self-willed Apostacy of Roman Catholic Idolaters, and their wilful and unauthorised assumption of Mediatorship

of the Virgin Mary, of St. Peter, and of other Saints ; for which they have *not* a Vestige of Scripture or Apostolic authority: *especially* not for their rhapsodical and enthusiastic Adoration of the Virgin Mary: and therefore, it may fearfully be expected that, the indignation and wrathful jealousy of God for the honour of his Son, will eventually visit them with expulsion from his presence and from Heaven ; —from the residence of the Redeemed Saints, and from all Fellowship of the *saved* of Men *by* the blood and *by* the *Intercession* of the Saviour God. In verification of this Truth we find Christ's own words written,—“ No Man cometh to the Father but by me.”—St. John xiv. 6.

A Gospel taught Christian unites in the joy and exultation of the—“ Hail Mary, *thou that art* highly favoured, the Lord *is* with thee: Blessed *art* thou among women.”—St. Luke chapter the first.

But a Believer in the Christian verity, knows nothing of the Heterodox, and wild and rash Enthusiasm as promulged by Papists ; and which is seen and avowed in a published ‘ Sermon as preached by the Rev. Dr. Miley before the Most Rev. Dr. Murray, Catholic Archbishop of Dublin, on the day on which his Grace had directed a Pontifical High Mass, (!) and Thanksgiving for the liberation of Mr. O’Connell, and the other State Prisoners.’ !! In which, is ascribed *the release* of Mr. O’Connell, *particularly*, through his professed trust *and* confidence in the intercession of the

Virgin. And this Discourse Dr. Miley concludes, with the superstitious and Idolatrous apostrophe—

“ Hail Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope, To *thee* do we cry poor banished sons of Eve; &c.”

Dr. Miley has before said,—‘ Why, instead of being at a loss for arguments to sustain the privileges of this Virgin Mother, those which force themselves upon us in contemplating the mystery of the incarnation, are so overpowering that we almost shudder, even under the urgency of our sacred office, to repeat them.’—And in truth, well he may shudder, *if considering*, the Incantation. And further, and again He says,—‘ Who, then, shall be able to estimate the madness, the infatuation, not to say the blasphemy, of upbraiding *us* with paying exorbitant honour to the Virgin, in placing her Image, *or* her Picture, on the Altar of her Son?’

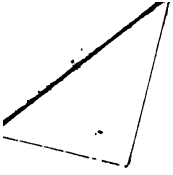
Now, saith the Prophet of the Lord God Almighty—“ The day of the Lord of Hosts *shall be* upon every *one that is* proud and lofty,—and upon *all* pleasant Pictures,—and the Idols, He shall *utterly* abolish—*They* shall be ashamed, and also confounded, *all* of them: they shall go to confusion together *that are* MAKERS of Idols.”—*Thus* hath Isaiah written from the Lord; *and* furthermore, saith THE SON of the Virgin Mother; “ Idolaters shall go into a Lake of Fire burning with Brimstone.”—Revelations xxi.

In returning to the University Doctor's exposition, for one cannot well overlook it; He, Dr. Hook says that, the Human soul of Christ departed into the common receptacle both of the penitent and impenitent.

Which doctrine may do for an advocate of Purgatory, and for an Hireling of his Church-Articled-System, but which *is*, positively false and contradictory to the Spirit of Truth and of Christ: whose suffering Soul had purchased, *a new Receptacle*,—even Paradise regained; into which his Soul departed; and whereof he participated for 40 days, in that *his* Kingdom, to the great joy and comfort of many of his Disciples, before his Ascension.—Acts i. 3.

It harrows up the hidden feelings and workings of the Soul to read Dr. Hook's complicated attempt, and *equivocating* expositions and mode of interpretations. Such as the malversation of Christ's preaching whilst his body lay in the prison of the Grave; and he might just as well have added, *as* did Jonah in the belly of the Whale. But, let it be remarked that, *Paradise* is excluded, by the Doctor, even from notice or commentary. And for the truth of St. Peter's *exposition*, see the Text itself.—1 Peter, iii. 19, 20.

Inclusively and Correspondently with Dr. Hook's pretence, may be brought into contemplation the bold promulgation, and the self-confident assumption of another Rev. Doctor; which must excite and raise up, similar Mental feelings of reprobation and contempt,



in the heart and mind of every Student, who verily *Believes*, and whose *trust is*,—in the Scriptures.

The Rev. Dr. Hampden, D.D. and Regius Professor of Divinity at Oxford, in his Exposition of the Parliamentary-*Church-Articles*, and in his eleventh Lecture as delivered, and as read before the University in the Divinity school, Oxford,—says thus in Page 3, of his published Lecture—“ We have now to ascertain the character of our GUIDE—to shew that it is faithful and true to those Scriptures to which it conducts us—*not* encroaching on the prerogative of Scripture, *nor* inconsistently enunciating *any* other doctrines for Divine, except what *are* found in the Volume of Scripture,—Articles of Religion appear to differ from Creeds in this respect, that they are designed principally for teachers of the Faith, whereas Creeds are designed for the body at large. *Both* are Confessions of the Faith. *Both are summaries* of what “ *is* to be believed.” After stating many points of qualification and necessary appreciation, we are led on to Page 18, where is found a Recommendation in respect to the Articles themselves.—“ Honestly and reverently to deal with them, We must either *accept* them or *reject* them, according to their plain meaning : *reject* them, if we can disprove them—which it will be a hard task for any *sincere* searcher into Scripture to do.”

Such are the propositions as propounded by The Rev. Regius Professor of Divinity at Oxford, in respect

to a right appreciation of the Protestant Church Articles. Therefore, taking up the commendatory Principle *with sincerity*, and, the Scriptures for our Guide, and for our Governance,—Nothing is more straightforward and easy than, to shew the Antiscriptural principle in which several of the most prominent are framed, and the subtlety wherewith they tend *to sap and undermine* the Christian dispensation,—the Apostolic institution,—and the Gospel establishment. This, is wilfully persevered in, In order to substitute the Worldly, the Human, the Scholastic and *Parliamentary* dictated Church. Wherefore, and taking up the last and 39th Article, for the first and most fitting instance and proof; and because, as that is, the practical initiation of Authority and countenance of support for all the other : and *because* its doctrine Contaminates all it touches, and ramifies its corrupting influence over the heart and the soul—*promoting* and exciting a rebellious disposition *against* the Light and rudiment of the first Principle, and Spirit of Him—the Founder of all the Scriptures, *and* the Instructor of the *inspired* Teachers of all, and of every of his Gospel tenets. The primary and principal of which *is* the injunction of Truth-speaking between Men, *without* appeal to God by Oath, *for that* cometh of evil.

It is not in the power of Schoolmen, with all their scientific sophistry and logical tergiversation to make that *good*, which He, the Saviour God hath pronounced *evil*. “No Man can serve two Masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or



else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and Mammon." And may Mankind be thankful that the time is come not only to test, but to prove the truths of Christ, and of the Prophets of the Most High. "How long halt ye between two opinions? if the Lord *be* God, follow him: but if Baal, *then* follow him."—So said Elijah the greatest of the Bible Prophets.—1 Kings xviii. 21.

The 39th Article of State-Church fabrication and double character, attaches itself conspicuously to the principal and last clause of the 37th. And similarly descending to the 3d Article; with its accursed insinuation, and blasphemous averment.

Blasphemous, respecting resistance of the Holy Ghost, and by avering *that* after Christ had suffered all the pains of Hell on the Cross, and testified he should that Day depart into Paradise!—wickedly asserts, *that* he descended,—*that* it is to be believed, "*He went down into Hell.*"! Thus contumaciously resisting the truth, and the expediency and the tenour of his Words, *and* of his blessed departure into peace and Paradise. Yet, the Article starts up, and the Creed in contradiction—Doubly offending, against the Holy Spirit by which he ever spake. And *after* the repeated denial, or at least the non-acceptance of the Words and Truth of his immediate Departure into Paradise;—The People are called on in Churches and Chapels, and especially in Cathedrals to stand up, and face the Altar,—in supposition of his presence—and in all solemnity of

bowing and curtesying give him the Lie, and tell him outright *that*, “ he descended into Hell.”

It is not now of such material question and momentous consequence *merely* to disprove the Articles, but as most material, to shew the Verification of the Prophecy of the first Martyr, St. Stephen, to Gospel truth ; and which also is reiterated and confirmed by St. Paul, one of the chiefest Apostles, who likewise testified, that,—“ The Most High dwelleth not in Temples made with hands.” This Doctrine they avowed and held fast, the labour of the Disciples and Apostles of Christ being ever, to shew *that* in practice and in their Writings, and by their Words ; they *meant* what they wrote and what they said.

. And moreover they are not found to prevaricate, and never said Christ descended into Hell, and signified a reserve to the contrary : for, They strove *not* to mystify their doctrine by the double signification of words and terms,—that Paradise might be bent, to mean Hell ! like as is the practise, and the perversion of Modernists, who mischievously persist to substitute Hell for Paradise,—vainly, *striving* for the Descent, *instead* of the Departure. Not so, say the single-minded and inspired of God and Christ, as strenuously manifested by the zealous Teacher, St. Paul ;—“ Though we, or an angel from Heaven, preach any other Gospel unto you than that, which *we* have Preached unto you, let him be accursed.” And, that his Doctrine might *not*

be mistaken or lightly thought of, or his Affirmation misunderstood, he repeats—"As we said before, so say I now again, If any MAN preach any other Gospel unto you than that ye have received, let Him be accursed." Therefore, let the resisting and accursed Phrase, and of lying offence, *that*—"He descended into Hell," be anathematized; and, with all execration of Christian conviction and condemnation; Let it sink into the nethermost depth of Tophet,—the Scripturally designated Bottomless Pit, which first *belched it forth*; and to which it belongs under Patronage of the Devil, the beguiling Traitor and the wilful Liar from the beginning.

Of what import then is the rage of building Churches and Temples and Consecrations thereof, if God dwelleth not in them, and is not there? And moreover offering therein their Parliamentary dictated, and Church Articled Commandments of Men for doctrine? It is in vain they so preach me, saith He that heareth Prayer; and He who *alone* presenteth it with acceptance to the Most High! But moreover, not heeding the testimony *that*, Man himself is the Temple of God,—and *not* Temples built by Man,—the *head-strong* Builders and their Buildings are seemingly and most evidently, *the proofs* of accomplishing the Prophecy,—which according to the 17th chapter of St. Luke,—*shall be* the Sign and the Snare in which they shall be taken. In corroboration too of the Prophecy

of the 8th of *Hosea*,—"Israel hath forgotten his Maker, and buildeth Temples." "Ephraim hath made many altars to sin, Altars *shall* be unto him *to sin*."

In consummation hereof, and proof of the very *acme* of profanation of Temple service, comes the recent Prayer from the Primate, the Archbishop of Canterbury; commanded and ordained to be used in all Protestant Churches and Chapels throughout the Kingdom. This mandate too, be it duly remarked, proceeds from the Archbishop!—under presumption that returning thanks for the victorious shedding of Man's blood is acceptable to the Most High God.—Thus contemning the Spirit of the Gospel, and repudiating—*absolutely*, setting at nought all Scriptural teaching and Christian dictation;—in despite or rejection of all Apostolical precept and example of obedience; even of all Those Disciples, who through the hope of their Soul's Salvation, by the meritorious Blood and Mediatorship of *their* High Priest,—sooner, suffered their own Blood to be shed, than justify shedding the blood of Others—*adhering* to the Primogenial law,—“Whoso sheddeth Man's blood, by Man shall his blood be shed: for in the *Image of God*, made he man.”

It may be thought worthy of remark that the Prayer was ordained for Easter-day, the Anniversary of thanksgiving for the sacrifice of Innocent blood, *shed*, for the Redemption of all Mankind—even for

the Murderers and Bloodshedders, if they repented ; *as His Prayer was*,—" Father, forgive them ; for they know not what they do." There is apparently no other Denomination that can truly be given, or put upon the Thanksgiving Prayer from the Primate, *than that*, it is a complete contempt and a perfect Mockery of the Principles of the Gospel and of the God of the Scriptures ! And therefore, should the Archbishop tell even the Queen, or the Duke of Wellington himself, *that*,—Wielding the Desolating Sword of Man, and Triumphant in its exploits, is justifiable,—As A CHRISTIAN,—He would tell a lie against the Spirit of God, and set a Seal to his everlasting perdition.

There is no place of repentance, or remission to be found for offence against the Holy Ghost, or the Spirit of the Father, by which Christ ever, and always spake.

When Aaron of old, and though the Anointed Priest of the Most High God, *was* seduced and overcome by the Call and Demand of the People,—“to make them Gods which should go before them ;”—Exodus xxxii.

Yet said Moses, his more faithful Brother,—“ What did this People, unto thee, that Thou has brought so great a Sin upon them ?” And is it fitting that Men, or Swordsmen, who have surrendered their Strength and Wealth, their Hearts and Souls, for their Sovereign and their Country ; is it fit that They should be deceived by their Priesthood ! and not *warned* to lay

down the justification of that, which the *only availing Priest* and Saviour God has forbidden and denounced ? And that, they *should repent*, if possible, before their Souls should finally appear in the presence, and in the view of award from their Creator ?

But the People choose to buoy themselves up, and even to glory in *delusion* ; The gust of the besotted mind of Men being such, as to call for the Name of God to sanction The Thing which He has forbidden,—but which They approve :—*And* They are therefore gratified by their Rulers,—even to the insulting provocation of *their* bringing forward the name of the Omnipotent God to countenance their *Idolatry* ; but which especially and above all, it should seem, and, appear that,—His jealousy and indignation, and hot displeasure is unremittingly proclaimed and affirmed. Better a thousand times were it that men avoided the Outrage ; rather than that, They should inadvertently seek, and incautiously *invoke* the Name of their Creator, to Patronise the Things which he has made known *are* contrary to his will, and hateful in his sight.

Of such exceeding delinquency, *beyond* the Prayer of the Archbishop, appears the presumptuous and audacious words of *offence* to Omnipotence, by the two Bishops of Winchester and Oxford—*when* they Officiate as Priests of the Saint, and Order of the Garter—Their, “ *illustrious glory* !” Therefore, and being recognised as the sworn Priests of Mammon ; they Belie their own professional doctrine, *if* they say they are, or can *also* be,

the Priests of God. But in character and with all assumed Boldfacedness at the time and ceremony of investing a Member of his Saintship, One or other of the two Bishops takes up the Garter in which is wrought the “Honi soit qui mal y pense,” or Motto, —implicating as is generally understood, a spirit of justifying retaliation or evil for evil—*opposed* to the Christian *injunction*. Nevertheless, One or other of the Bishops, proceeds by reading the following admonition *enjoined* by the Statutes :—“To the honour of God Omnipotent (!) and in memorial of the blessed martyr St. George (!) tie about thy Leg, for thy renown, this noble Garter ; *wear it* as the Symbol of the most *illustrious order*, never to be forgotten or laid aside”—“that Thou mayest stand firm, valiantly fight, and successfully conquer !!” Why not then *give* the honour of the fighting-spirit and contention, and the conquest to whom it is due ? Why rob the Saint of the honour due to him ? And why offer it to Another that, in the most express terms and words has *repudiated*, and Emphatically *denounced* it ?

The Priestly climax however comes on after that, The Princely and Saintly Garter has been conferred ; and the Knight elect of the Saint, being brought before the Sovereign, who puts about his Neck, “a Blue Ribbon, whereunto is appended, wrought in Gold within the Garter, *The Image of St. George on Horseback.*” Upon which presentment,—the Chancellor Bishop of Oxford, or the Prelate and *High Priest* of the Saint,—the Bishop of Winchester ; then, Reads

the following Admonition—" *Wear* this Ribbon about thy neck, *Adorned* with the IMAGE of the blessed martyr and soldier of Christ, St. George !"

What follows of the Ceremonial is too wretchedly insignificant to mention or repeat.

Let him however, who has any understanding and knowledge, or jealousy, or any zeal in his heart, for the honour of the True and Omnipotent God, and of Christ *his* only Saviour—let *him* ponder and contemplate the Immeasurable outrage of Offence to Omnipotence, in the words of the Ceremonial—the daring and presumptuous attempt, or rather the irreverent and blasphemously avowed pretence *of uniting and allying* the True and Omnipotent God, and Christ, with the fictitious Tutelary and contemptible Functionary !—*as impossible*, as to associate Christ with Belial ! or to unite God with Devil.

We read that eventually Beast and false Prophet shall go alive into a Lake of Fire ; which might serve to stay our wonder that the Bishops and Offerers of such flagrant *false incense* are not Consumed, likewise, *as* heretofore were *those*, the Sons of Aaron *whilst* they stood on their Feet.—Lev. x. 1, 2.—Numbers xvi. 35.

But who is this St. George whose *Image* is *conferred*, and by Priestly Ordinance set up, and his Saintship as a God to worship ? and who is in very deed *intrinsically* and in the heart worshipped ; and his transcendent brilliant Star is consequently *borne* as the heighth of Worldly Glory.



The Great Historian, Gibbon, is looked up to as an Authority of his Saintship, who has pronounced and denominated Him as,—The infamous George of Cappadocia. A later testimony and no doubt of as estimated authority, inasmuch, as being under the signature of Campbell, appeared in the *Cheltenham Journal* no longer since than the 29th of April, 1844 :

“ ST. GEORGE THE PATRON SAINT OF ENGLAND.”

“ It distresses our enthusiasm, to find that ‘ Saint George ’ ! was born in Epiphania, a town of Cilicia, in a fuller’s shop. By the arts of a parasite he obtained patrons, who got him a lucrative commission to supply the Roman army with bacon ; but George defrauded the Roman soldiers of their bacon, and in order to save his own, was obliged to fly from the pursuit of justice. Afterwards he professed Arianism, and mounted, by force and bloodshed, the Archiepiscopal throne of Athanasius, which he stained with cruelty and avarice.

At last, in the capital of Egypt, public vengeance rose up against him, and he was committed to prison (A. D. 631) : but the populace saved him from the tedium of a trial ; they put him to death, and threw his body into the Sea. It belongs to those who study Church history to explain how this swindler and cut-throat has been transformed into the renowned St. George of England, the patron of arms, of Chivalry, and of the garter !”—*Campbell*.

Formerly the Public Journalists when they announced an Investiture of a Chivalrous Knight, of the

Cut-throat and Swindler, generally gave the Ceremonial words ; but of which, perhaps, they became disgusted or ashamed to circulate,—*insulting and affronting* as they are, to the Supreme and Omnipotent God, in the Ceremony of the Installation. Notwithstanding the Journalists' present omission or reminiscence—a Searcher after the truth of the profligate and present customary Process of the Order, may readily ascertain, and find the whole as recorded, in the Encyclopædia Britannica, Volume 10.—and which *is*, as now and above stated.

The words of the Ceremony of Installation are so exceeding in Profligacy, and in the spirit of Popery, or Patronage of Idolatry, *that*,—in point of Phraseology *they* apparently outstrip and rival *any* that may be found in all POPEDOM.

And beginning with France for proof, as One of the European Idolatrous and Roman Catholic Nations, and notorious for its Sabbath-breaking principles ; and which further and most apparently, *braves* the damnation of God, by openly and avowedly setting up,—a Mammon, Worldly, and Military Order, *impiously* denominating it,—“ the Order of Saint Esprit,” or of the Holy Ghost !—audaciously, to justify their ambitious and worldly projects ; and, as a Badge of Reward to the Perpretators of their unrighteous seizure of Territory,—by Bloodshed, Murder, and Death.

And evidently Portugal comes next in profligate Denomination and Blasphemous assumption of,—“*The Order of Christ !*” under the abandoned pretence of countenancing and qualifying it, as an Emblem of reward for its National and Mammon purposes.

And in rotation and delinquency follows Spain,—and though not in such flagrancy of the *avowed Name* of the HOLY SPIRIT,—and of CHRIST,—to justify their misdeeds—Yet, in aberration and abandonment of Godly principle, is to the full as profligate as either of the other ; and which is demonstrably shewn and made manifest, by its National “*Order of the Golden Fleece !*”

All which Insignias and Confraternity of Ensigns are similar in spirit and principle to the Golden Calves, which the Rebels *originally* called for,—as *Gods*, to go before them ; and which Ingrates, God has *not* forgotten or forgiven to this day. For, though Moses interceded for the framers of Idols and consequently Idolaters, that, the wrath of God might not wax hot, that He should *then*, momentarily, consume them *all* : and though Moses obeyed in hearkening to the commandment from the Lord God, and *commanded* that, Every man should go in and out of the Camp, and *slay* every man, his brother, his companion, and his friend ; that had so offended : *and* in that day they slew Three Thousand. Yet, he could only obtain a respite for the remainder of the Idol

Worshippers and mean Subservients,—with a warning *that*,—“In the day when I visit, I will visit their sin upon them.”—Exodus xxxii.

One to whom Wisdom was given above all to Men, (or since, save and except the Son) has written and recorded,—“The devising of Idols was the beginning of *spiritual* fornication, and the Invention of them the *corruption* of life.” Book of Wisdom, xiv.

Nevertheless, through unwitting alliance with Strangers and Idolaters, Solomon himself was ensnared and entrapped into the Iniquity of their Idolatry: and on which *sole* account, The great Glory which God had given him was withdrawn and taken away; and he was reduced to the shame and contempt, and to the indignation with which God pursues Idolaters *until* they are exterminated. Yet, one of all the Tribes of Israel was left to Solomon, and that *only*, saith the Lord God, *because* of his faithful servant David's sake, and —“That David my servant may have a Light *always* before me in Jerusalem.” 1 Kings xi.

This last gracious and benevolent Prophecy is, and will be rendered ever existing, and complete in Christ; and by His appointed, and all-enduring REIGN and Government, *over* all that are God's; and by His Judgments, which are also the Father's. In corroboration saith the highly illuminated and great Prophet Isaiah respecting the Adversaries, the Rebels

and Idolaters.—“ They rebelled, and vexed his Holy Spirit : therefore he was turned to be their Enemy, *and* he fought against them.”—“ The Adversaries have trodden down thy Sanctuary.—Thou never barest rule over them.” They are none of thine : They have another Master. And therefore, saith CHRIST, in his parable of the Householder, that, in the time of the Harvest, He will say to the Reapers,—“ Gather ye together first the Tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them.” And Christ himself further interprets, —“ *The Son of Man* shall send forth his Angels, and *they* shall gather out of his Kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity ; and shall cast them into a furnace of fire.”—Matt. xiii.

As therefore there can be no recognised Idolater, or *maker* of Images, or Worker of Iniquity in the Kingdom of Christ *on Earth* ; neither is it possible to bring any Idol, or to smuggle *any* Idolatrous spirit into the Kingdom of God in Heaven.

It may fearfully be apprehended that the Irish People as a Nation *giving* themselves up to Popery and Idolatry—are eagerly and rapidly working their Destiny, Desolation and Destruction ; and becoming ONE of those Nations which shall *not* be saved ; but which God will cast out : and turn them to their professed Head and acknowledged Master—the Pope. For, with the true God, and his Christ, there can be no sufferance of a rival Pope ; or Bishop, Priest, or even

*any* Papist, which is an Idolater ; and implies a *Bower-down* to Baal : and therefore, can neither be tolerated or admissible, or suffered in His sight. The great Agitator in the Sister Kingdom and Leader of the great Body or Mass of the Irish, in these late years, and to whom Priests and People have succumbed ;— has frequently boasted and still continues to boast, of his Millions of Idolaters or Papists, that are ready to join heart and hand with their Protestant Brethren,— *if* appeased, and gratified in their demands. But *if* frustrated, and denied ; they are equally ready to join havock with Foreigners, and their Roman Catholic Brethren in the works of War and Destruction.

And beyond this, and moreover their ostensible Guide and Ruler expressed at a Numerous Meeting at Freemasons' Hall, June, 1842, and said, as reported, *that*,— “ He hoped to live to see the day when High Mass should be celebrated in Westminster Abbey ; *and* that the Pope should come and administer it *There* ; and *have* the Tomb of the Popish Confessor for his Altar ! ” And by the bye, which Altar Tomb, of the rotten dust of a Popish Confessor, might be an appropriate and a fit Altar, for a President of the Dead ? Especially as the God of the Living has pronounced, by his Prophets, and by his Apostles St. Stephen and St. Paul, that, He has withdrawn *his* local Habitation. And it may be remembered that when of old He said, If He should, or would dwell in a Temple made with hands, it was *conditionally*, and that—“ They put away their Whoredom, and the CARCASSES of their KINGS *far*

from me, and I will dwell in the midst of them for ever."—Ezekiel xliii. 7–9.

And since Men had rendered themselves incapable of making acceptable Offerings in Temples of their own Building, The Most High hath made his well-beloved Son, *both* the Altar and the Temple of *his* residence, and Kingdom within Men ; and from which Temple and Altar *alone*,—The Most High God will be heard, and their Prayers and Petitions come up with acceptance before Him. Acts vii. 48-50—xvii. 24.

Although it is not IMPOSSIBLE that, the Pope may become a Minister in the Sepulchral ; and a Preacher in the midst of the Bones and of the dead Carcases in Westminster Abbey—yet is the fact *not probable*, until that,—The time of the Reality of the Prophecy being accomplished, and which evidently is fast approaching, in the fall of Great Babylon itself ;—And, when fallen, *It shall* become, as foretold,—“ The habitation of Devils, and the hold of every *foul* Spirit, and *a Cage* of every unclean, and hateful Bird.”—Rev. xviii. 2.

After the occurrences which have recently and lately come to pass according to the Highest Authority, and prediction of Wars, and *hearing* of rumours of Wars—of Nation and Kingdom rising up against each other ;—*and* Earthquakes, Pestilences and Famines in divers places : and that all These *are* the beginning of sorrows,—Therefore, it might indeed be

wished in the ensuing troublous and coming times, that, The conspicuous Leader and great Agitator *could* carry the Cage and all the Birds to his College-green Harbour: but as that cannot be done; They have neither cause to Murmur, that, they have not *more* to Chirrup one with another, and Twitt each other in the great Tophet; In the Valley and Temple whereof, are commonly heard the thrilling sounds and Voices of discord; but seldom or never the harmony and concord of melody. Wherefore, it is likely that, *if* not by themselves,—the discordant mixture, will soon be found, that,—They *are* enough to form and constitute, the great Body and Ruling Power,—“Six hundred Three score *and* Six.”

And to which Compound number and Substance, it is not in the power of Man, or of the World to add, or to diminish a single Numeral; for it must stand in its compact and its *present* Ripened state, to receive its appointed Judgment,—nay its fatal Sentence has evidently and already passed; and it *is* broken to pieces, as predicted, and *as* proclaimed of the Fourth and Iron Kingdom, according to the Second chapter of Daniel: And which *is* the Foreboding instance, and the first afforded proof, that it shall be *broken* to Shivers; even this Fourth Kingdom, and scattered as the Chaff before the Winds, so that no place shall ever more be found for it.

This *consummation* is however, appointed to be fulfilled under the Rule and Government of the IMAGE of the Beast, and the Little Horn of Power, *according*



to the Seventh chapter of Daniel : And in correspondence with the sixth Vial of St. John ; and also when in the *last stage* of being gathered together in Battle against “ God Almighty,”—*in* their Armageddon. From *whence*, the last and seventh Vial poured out into the Air!—a Voice from the Throne will proclaim,—“ It is done.”

Which consummation in effect, apparently will be, the expected Dissolution of the Parliament ; and not far off, *when* the System of Man’s formation will be scattered abroad ; and the accomplishment of all things take place, according to the sure Word of Prophecy. And the Worldly Kingdom shall be, *as appointed*, for the Footstool of a better kingdom ; even superseded by The KINGDOM of the Son of God ; which shall be then introduced, *and* progressively be established ; and the appointed Saviour of Man, the Everlastingly Blessed of the Father, shall *reign* therein for ever.

There was a time and it may well be remembered, that, in the Year 1830, all the Parliamentary Powers and Parties strove to change the Dynasty. Some for adding to, and Others for diminishing the number 658. But all their efforts and combinations availed nothing ; —The fatal 666 had just *priorly* been formed by what is recognised the Tory party ; and *by* their ingrafted *Eight*, as the Executive Heads of the Body ; which *then* constituted the Scripturally denominated Power,—“ the Beast.”

Nevertheless the distinguishable number then formed, soon sunk and was merged in the succeeding Whig Party, and has never been estimated *or* noticed by any Prophetical Writer from that day to this.

However, *after* the Sixteen Years of premise and warning—the Number, Power, or Beast *is now* practically revived; and will not pass away till all things as Prophesied thereof, shall be accomplished and fulfilled;—in the due order, and progressive stages as appointed, and as recorded. “Rev. xvii. xviii. xix. & xx.”

That these great Events should take place without the knowledge of the Learned; and especially without premise or intimation at that eminent Seat of Tuition, the University of Oxford—should not excite surprise or wonder,—Seeing and knowing that the whole Book of the Revelations is *there* a shelved, or, as a sealed *Book*. Wherefore, *and* for themselves, let *Those* who *do* believe in it,—Look forward to its inestimably promised Blessings *here*, and hereafter. And moreover, let them contemplate the Judgment of the great Prophet, Isaiah, which he has pronounced *shall* befall Ariel, the Jerusalem city.—“Thou shalt be visited of the LORD of Hosts with thunder, and with Earthquake, and great noise, with storm and tempest, and the flame of devouring Fire.—Stay yourselves and wonder,—the LORD hath poured out upon you the spirit of *deep sleep*, and hath closed your *eyes*: the prophets and *your* rulers, the *Seers* hath he covered. And *the vision of all* is become unto you, as the words of a

book that is sealed, which *Men* deliver to One that is learned, saying,—Read this, I pray thee : and he saith, I cannot ; for it *is* sealed : And the Book is delivered to him that is *not* learned, saying, Read this, I pray thee : and he saith, *I am* not learned.”

Wherefore the Lord hath said, “ Forasmuch as this People draw near *me* with their *mouth*, and with their *lips* do honour me, *but* have removed their *heart* far from me, and their *fear* toward me *is* taught by the Precept of men : Therefore, *behold*, I will proceed to do *a Marvellous work* among this People, *even* a marvellous work and a wonder : for the Wisdom of their wise Men *shall perish*, and the Understanding of their prudent men *shall* be hid.”—“ Surely your turning of things upside down, shall be esteemed as the Potter’s clay.”

How fully, and completely and undeniably applicable, *is* all this to Oxford at the present day ; now that all her Orthodox Members and Self-styled Professing Doctors of Divinity, *are* avowedly and Professionally all their Talents, *are* swallowed up and turned, and notoriously set, to Idolize their Church-Articled-Church, even their Parliamentary Church-made-God : —Their great Diana ! from whence indeed they derive all the Honours and Emoluments which their State-Church-Protectionists can bestow. And, as witness, they have now for their Head, a Parliamentary Bishop, most truly and generally known as the Bishop of the Premier, and the chosen of the first Lord of the Treasury, and *as* a Lord of the Roman Catholic *Emancipa-*

*tion* !—the Badge, and the proof of Protestant *Principle* erased, *and* its Glory departed ! Wherefore, the selected Bishop of Oxford is now, and *is* Constitutionally fixed,—*as* the Officiating and Representative PRIEST of the Fictionary, and Tutelary Saint of England !

And therefore, whosoever may be the Bishop of Oxford, by State appointment, he bears and must bear the I-CHABOD of *Christianity* on his Mitre ; and furthermore carry on his Shoulder and over his Breast,—the *I-chabod*, and Mark of the National *Protestantism* sequestered :—unwittingly, sunk and gone !

For instance and *testimony*, of the dereliction and swerving from Apostolic and Gospel authority by the present Bishop, see his recently published Sermon as preached at the Consecration of “*Saint Catherine’s Church* !” and dedicated to Esquire Walter, of Bear Wood.

The very Text that the Bishop has chosen from the old Bible, implies, and signifies an intention to contest and dispute the Authority, of the laid down axioms and principles, of the New Testament. For example and test, Let the words of Two of the most faithful and *inspired* Apostles under Christ try the question ?—And considering the raging Apostacy, *their* Doctrine cannot too often be repeated—“The Most High dwelleth not in Temples made with hands.”

Yet now, interposes the Bishop and his Coadjutors, and at this advanced period, when *Those* who *do*

believe in God and Christ, *are* looking for his promised Kingdom to be immediately introduced and quickly set, and be established : and wherein the Creator and Lord of all things *shall be the Temple* ; and The *all-atoning Lamb* for the sins of all Mankind,—shall be the *only* Altar and Temple for all true and acceptable Worshippers to approach with acceptance ; and even that *all*, so faithfully coming, shall be gifted to worship the Living God and Father aright !—in sincerity and truth. But the Bishop *of* the Premier, and Prelate *of* the Saintly and the Earthly-State-Church, strives to set aside all the *Indications* which the present times afford of the Kingdom of God and of the Lamb as *nigh* at hand ; and to stifle them, that the Worldly-Church-Kingdom of Men may prevail, and keep off the Kingdom of God and Heaven until the remotest period—even until *after* the Divine Head and Ruler *has had* his glorious and promised Reign *over* the Kingdoms of the World for a Thousand Years.

But in order to introduce and substantiate *his* Hypothetical and endless Church-building scheme ; the Bishop *turns back*, and heads his Sermon of Consecration of the fiction of *St. Catherine's Church* ! from the first book of Chronicles, and takes his Text thus—“ And the House that is to be builded for the Lord must be exceeding magnificent.” This quotation is thus most abruptly called up for the purpose of construing it, and *forcing* it to sanction the Dedication of Churches to Nonenticals, and so onward without end.

And it is made under pretence of insinuating a comparative allusion to the Magnifical Temple which Solomon built; *after* the revelation from God, and *at* the command of his Father David. Nevertheless, *and*, surely it is of Universal notoriety,—the entire Destruction that has befallen that Great, Glorious, and Magnificent Temple; chiefly and expressly through the Builder's Apostacy, and *his* alliance with Idolaters, at whose instigation *he* Built High Places, which caused his rejection and his disgrace.

And now that the Bishop of Oxford *by* State-church-statute and Ordinance, *is nominated and made One* of the Officiating Priests of the Idol Saint, and of the affected, and professed Tutelary of the Kingdom of England!—and which never was the case, *be it observed*, till *just* preceding the present reign and Sovereignty;—and *that*, the ENSIGNS of the Fictitious and Representative of his IMAGE;—were PERSONALLY brought, and Professionally introduced in the University, by *its* High Priest: and borne as his “illustrious glory!” and in the Temple thereof—The Temple, it may be understood, of the Jerusalem city of the Nation—*profaned*.

For what is it, or what *are* the Ensigns more or less, than the Counterpart and Sign of the “Abomination of Desolation, *re-appearing*, where they ought not?” And of which the Most High Priest, even Christ himself hath secondarily forewarned, *Those that see it*, and that hearken to Him,—to flee for their Lives from the threatened Vengeance and certainty of Dissolution

then at hand to follow, and at the doors; and that—  
 “except those days should be shortened, there should  
 no Flesh be saved.”—Matthew xxiv. 15=51.

In returning to the consideration of the Bishop's Sermon of Consecration and Dedication of Mr. Walter's Church to a Romish Saint! and perceiving that the drift of the Discourse is to sanction and encourage the Building and Multiplying of Temples—*not* according to any just Authority, but rather a complete misrepresentation, and a contradiction thereof; and which manifests a *striving* to resist and rebut, nay even *to repudiate* the Doctrinal teaching and warning of the Prophets, *and* of the Apostles of God and Christ.

For witness and evidence hereof, One of the most enlightened of Prophets has written and which is recorded,—Thus saith the LORD,—“The heaven *is* my Throne, and the Earth *is* my footstool: where *is* the House that ye Build unto me? and where *is* the Place of my rest? For all those *things* hath mine hand made, and all those *things* have been, saith the Lord: but to *this Man* will I look, *even to him that* is poor and of a contrite spirit, *and trembleth* at my Word.” And saith Ezekiel, that other great and renowned Prophet,—“I heard, *The Spirit of the Lord* speaking unto me, and He said,—“Son of man, the place of my Throne, and the place *of the Soles of my feet*, where I will dwell in the midst of the Children of Israel for ever, *and my holy name*, shall the House of Israel no more defile, *neither* they, nor their Kings, by

their whoredom, nor by the Carcases of their Kings in their *High places*. In their setting of *their* Threshold, by my Thresholds, and *their* Post by my Posts.”—Ezek. xliii. 5—9.

All which ancient Testimony is confirmed, by the renewed affirmations and doctrine of the *inspired* Apostles; and especially reiterated by St. Stephen and St. Paul. The former of whom, and the first Martyr to Gospel truth, after having repeated the words,—“What house will ye Build me,”—testified, in the strongest manner and in the directest words asserted,—“Ye stiff-necked and uncircumcised *in* heart and ears. Ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your Fathers *did*, so *do* ye.”—Acts vii. 48—53.

Now, what saith the Bishop *in disputation*, and in order to maintain his Hypothesis; and the dogma of Consecration of St. Catherine’s Church! He quickly takes up the case as in the days of the Apostles, when the Eleven met in “the upper chamber,” to take Meat, or supper together, as the Scripture states; *and*, as the risen Jesus appeared there to them, “as they sat at meat,”—The Bishop lays hold on the circumstance, and forcibly impresses and makes it his Stalking-horse of pretence and sanction for the *unlimited* Building and Multiplying of Churches and Temples;—Maugre the testimony of Prophets and Apostles!!

And though Jesus appeared after his Resurrection to several of his Elect, and to his immediate



Disciples,—the Eleven as they sat at Meat: and *where* as St. John moreover says, *they* were assembled for fear of the Jews; and though the Doors were shut,—“Jesus came and stood in the midst and saith unto them,—Peace *be* unto you: as *my* Father hath sent me, even *so* send I you. And when he had said this, *He breathed on them*, and saith unto them,—Receive ye the HOLY GHOST.”

But, that this Unction and Mission has ever been conferred on any Anti-Apostolic, or Anti-Biblical Church will not be an easy matter to prove. And taking up the words of another Reverend Oxford Divine and Professor,—“it will be a hard task for any sincere searcher into Scripture to do.” So says Dr. Hampden in regard to his State-Church-Articled-Church, for which he is such a sturdy Advocate and confirmed Supporter. Nevertheless, it may rather and with truth be avered, that it is not possible for any obstinate Sectarian, or Priest whatsoever, of *any* mere Human framed Church, *to shew*, that he has so Apostolically received, and been endowed; or that *he is* ordained *by the breath* of Christ with the Holy Ghost.

And forasmuch as an inspired Apostle has written in respect to a Duplicate Church; or double-minded, wavering, and unstable Man;—“Let not that Man *think* that He shall receive anything of the Lord.”

In adverting to the Bishop's Discourse and the appearing of Jesus *after* his Resurrection, and though

he appeared on the Sea-shore to his *immediate* Disciples for the third time : and though he was afterwards *seen* of above “ Five hundred Brethren at once ” — Yet is there no instance of his appearing to any heterogeneous Assemblage, or in *any* Church or Temple. And therefore the Bishop of Oxford has no Scripture ground of proof for his Saintly Edifices.

When Jesus the Saviour of Man, was in his Human Nature on the Earth, and going about with his Disciples, as was *their* custom and practice in teaching and introducing the Kingdom of God ; the self-righteous Pharisees upbraided the Disciples before him ; because to refresh and strengthen themselves in *his* service, they plucked the ears of corn and eat, as they passed through the Fields : and because, They were not teaching or preaching in the Temple, *after their* preconceived and prejudiced notions. To whom he replied, “ I say unto you, That in this Place, (the Field) is *One* greater than the temple.” This greater *ONE*, formed by the good will of God, without hands, *is*, become the ordained and *only* Temple for all true Worshippers of the Most High, and that worship Him, *in Spirit and in Truth*. And, this sole Mediator between God and Man, further testified to the dismay and confusion of the Self-righteous,—“ The Son of Man *is Lord* even of the Sabbath-day.”—Matt. xii. 1—8.

But if the boldest and most boastful, and most presuming Egotisms, could prevail against the testimony

and declarations of Prophets, Apostles, and the God of the Scriptures :—They may be found to abound in the Sermon of Dedication of the Church of Saint Catherine ! For says the Bishop of the Consecration and in his qualification thereof ;—notwithstanding the known desecration of Solomon's Temple, *and* the renouncement of Temple service since,—" This Church of St. Catherine, and others like it, *are* built for God's worship ; for His worship amongst His chosen people ! with a ministry of His appointing : (!) on a Plan of His own ordering ; (!) as an instrument and token of His presence amongst those upon whom His name is called." !! And all this vain assumption, and these Egotistical assertions, in repugnance of the *written Word*—and therefore in contempt of the known declarations, of both, the Old Scripture and the New Testament Authority.

Yet the Bishop proceeds, after forcing construction of the Apostles meeting in the upper chamber, to countenance the building of Churches ; He strains the point also for the same purpose, in regard to the assembling and after the recommendation of Christ himself that,—“ *Where* two or three were gathered together in His name, *there* was He in the midst of them.” But mark the insinuating exposition of the Bishop, who writes and says,—“ That is, when they did *thus* come together in one Place, *claiming* their true corporate character, (!) and acting on their corporate rights, (!) that, *then* He was with them.”

And he further adds,—“ This was, this is, the glory of *these* Christian Temples, *that* He *is* with us of a truth.” Whether forgetting the record that He is *not*, or, wilfully denying the testimony which God has given of Himself that,—“ He dwelleth *not* in Temples made with hands,” may be questioned ?

Nevertheless there is one happy Idea expressed by the Bishop of two or three *when* they are gathered together in Christ's name,—“ at the breaking of Bread an unearthly Presence *would glide in amongst them*, and He whom the World *cannot* receive, would manifest Himself to one and another amongst His waiting witnesses.”

But still to prosecute and further the Erecting of Temples, and although it is known, and written that, even the beloved King David was not allowed to build One, *because*, he had shed Blood. Yet says the Bishop,—“ Mighty men and Kings built Temples where, with their poorest serfs, they might come and bow before the God of all.”—But where is the proof of *acceptance* ?

The case is at issue *now*, in that, A great Warrior, in part Robber of a Kingdom in conjunction with Two of his Confederates; ‘Mighty Men and Kings’ have seized the whole Territory of a Nation; and to which Triumvirate,—A SEA OF BLOOD lays at their doors to answer for—Yet vainly, imagines *the Third*, that He shall be Assistant by *his* Money and by *his* Agent-Bishop to found and build a Temple to the God of Peace!!

And he has therefore sent his Bishop to be Canonized by the Archbishop of Canterbury, and confirmed *by* Administration of the Thirty-Nine Articles of the Protestant Church ! And *subscription* thereto by the Prussian Bishop, *as* the only admissible condition of his initiatory qualification !! and the *indispensable* and undisguised acknowledgment of the *Thirty-Nine Articles*, *as* the set and fixed *Altar*, from which he shall be allowed and permitted to Teach and Preach the Gospel of Christ !!! Had the Archbishop rather required *proof of repentance* of shedding Blood, of Murder, and of Theft ! instead of Subscription and succumbing to the Articles, *as* the indispensable condition of Qualification of the Substitute and Representative of the King ; it would have been abundantly more *probable* ; if, that He—the King, by the deepest contrition for shedding the Blood of Man, should *so* have exonerated himself from the guilt and liability of being found One of the *Four destroying Angels* ; and a Head, and One of the Powers of the Men Slayers, that,—"Neither *repented* they of their Murders, nor of their Sorceries, nor of their Fornication, nor of their Thefts."—Revelations ix. 14—21.

The Bishops who have *before* sent out their Missionary on such *subscription* qualification and conditions, have had as it may be apprehended and understood, that first, as an instance of failure ; or of an abortive attempt to set and establish a Protestant Church at Jerusalem. Did the Bishops, the Bishop

of Oxford and his Confrees look for authority of the Temple—the acceptable Temple—the spiritual Temple which *shall be built* and set up ; They might find it written and recorded by the Prophet, Zechariah,= “ Thus speaketh the Lord of Hosts, saying, Behold the Man whose name is THE BRANCH ; and *he* shall grow up out of his Place, and *he* shall Build the Temple of the LORD ; Even *he* shall Build the temple of the Lord ; and *he* shall bear the glory, and shall sit and *rule* upon his Throne : and *he* shall be a Priest upon his Throne : and the Counsel of Peace shall be *between* them *both*.”

But how can they understand, that labour under a spurious construction, and go out on a *false* interpretation,—like as Dr. Croly has shewn in respect to the Antichrist ; and their having made the Prophecy to signify *one* Man ! instead of a Body *and* a Constituency *formed by Man*, comprising *a* number ;—For it *is* the Number *by Man* ; and *his* Number *is* Six hundred, threescore *and* Six.—Rev. xiii. 18.

In regard to the Prophecy of Zechariah, and though *he* conveys the interpretation of the Branch, in unition with the Vine ; yet, Expositors go out on their own, and self-made expositions ; persisting that, by the Branch is defined and meant,—the Vine. Thus unheeding, and obstructing the authority of Him, who hath said,—“ *I am the Vine, ye are the Branches.*”

The relation of the Vine, with the *especial*

Branch spoken of, is made clear by the explanation given by the Prophet, saying,—“The Counsel of Peace shall be *between them both*.” Which undeniably refers to a distinct and distinguishable two—Branch and Vine. Zechariah vi. 12—13.

The Crisis being come *to prove*, which shall prevail and be established,—the Church Articles and Commandments devised by Man ; or the divine Precepts of Christ ordained of God—they cannot stand together—the Kingdom of God being come, the contest of Man against his Maker will be truly fearful, most awful, and most dreadful ; but the Termination is,—as unquestionable, as is the end inevitable.

For ascertainment of a Protestant Church, and with a view of estimating its inward appearance and character,—as denominated Christian,—The Bishop continues to state that formerly, ‘ They were adorned with all which gold and silver, and cunning art, could purchase or invent. And so long as this movement was indeed controlled by the higher law of separation from the world, all this was well, For the higher law would by no means admit into God’s house all modes and forms of beauty.—If it was an earthly beauty, it was altogether out of place. If it was anything which could *distract* the Worshipper from Worship, which brought him back to the World, instead of helping him to mount up to the Unseen, *beautiful* as it might be in itself, *there* it was an offence,—it was an *Idol* ?’

Now, what is the first thing that strikes every Person on entering a Protestant Church and Chapel ? Is it not the paramount, the Chivalrous, the Constitutional, the State *Idol*, or Kings' Arms !—*commanded* to be placed or fixed, *conspicuously*, in every Church or Chapel throughout the Kingdom ? Without waiting for the prolixity and the blandishment of scholastic Phraseology, or for the smooth tongued explications of Courtiers', who are *willingly*, and willing to be deceived ;—for if they were not so inclined, the few words of the late Lord Sidmouth when a Cabinet Minister, might serve to correct their Ideas by his concise definition, *that*,—"The Jails and the Churches were all *the King's*, and he could do as he likes with them." Although this was said by the Minister in a pettish mood and manner, yet the words may be remembered, whenever and wherever—in a Church or in a Jail—the Chivalrous Arms are displayed, or even outwardly are in view.

The Bishop of the professed Patron Saint, and of the *Chivalrous State Order*, stretches out to a Climacterick and repetition of apostrophe, as thus,—  
 "Brethren, what an awful place is every Parish Church !—Brethren, what a *blessed* place is a Parish Church."!! This may move some Clericals, and provoke Others to contemplate what they *do* see, and find in a Parish Church ; and very different Ideas may arise in Judgment thereof.

: In the first place and always keeping in mind that,



God himself hath said, He dwelleth not, *and* that He will not dwell among the Dead. Were the Bishop to visit a chief parish Church of his Diocese, even at Oxford; and likewise were his Metropolitan Brother to visit his chief Parish Church at Fulham; they would both find, each Church,—*choked*, as it were, with the Carcases of the dead. And whether *adorned or disgraced*, by Hatchments and Armorial Crests, derivable from the Chivalrous Patron Saint; and from which source of Mammon glory *every* Mark and Insignia thereof *is* so derived: and must therefore be left to the consideration and decision of every Priest, as well as every Layman, and every Visitor of a Parish Church.

Within twenty Miles of Cheltenham may now be seen the Chivalrous Arms of the State, *spread out* and pompously *Painted as an Altar-Piece!* At and in an Old Abbey Church. And a few Miles farther off in the very ancient Abbey of Malvern is revived, and which is currently boasted of,—such is the *infatuation*, as though it should pass without dissent,—The Painted, the Emblazoned, the Chivalrous Arms, with which they have recently decorated the Ceiling, and ornamented the Windows with the Armorial Crests of Lords! of Bishops! and the Great of the Earth! And will not the Bishop admit that, *These* are all “*out of place*,” and more suitable, if anywhere, to their own Chivalrous Halls and Dwellings? But, as the Bishop of the Patron Saint has signified,—as Men’s souls

*were darkened*, the true symbolical visions of Temple service passed away : and the sensual appeared—“ Images, Statues, *Pictures*, Garish Lights, Tinsel Ornaments ;—*all* of these declared *that*, the mummary of formal service, *was* supplanting the sincerity of HEART-WORSHIP.”

And though they carry the like Images, Pictures, and Tinsel Ornaments to their Domiciles, and they appear on the various Articles at their Table ; and though they are borne about the Person in a Crest or Seal of Armorial quarterings—what is it, every part and particle thereof more or less, than a Mark of honour, if it may be so called, *as derived* from the Chivalrous Swindler St. George ?! Utterly at enmity, and in disregard of Him, who hath said—“ I receive not honour from Men.”

Yet still carrying this Principle of Honour set up among Men, and for the moment confining the similiarity in Ireland to that of England ; for *There*, (and merely by reference to the Pocket Annuals) we find a like Junta and Triumvirate of Priests, sanctioning and promoting one and the same Chivalrous spirit—even to the Consecration of the Person by the Chancellor-Priest of the Order, and which was lately Administered to Lord Heytesbury as being the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland ; and the Badge and Image conferred by the Archbishop of Dublin, *as* being the *Officiating Priest* of the Saint or fictitious Tutelary

*Saint Patrick* ! Whether better or worse than the Cut-throat Saint George ! must be left for general estimation and decision. And though *the Power* of the Lord Lieutenant is so soon *faded* and removed ; but, not so the *Stamp* impressed, and the *Mark* as fixed on the Person by the Archbishop of Dublin !!

One can scarcely tell how to pass over a Chivalrous case that has lately taken place and recently transpired, and which is publicly given in detail ; and in a precise relation of the Contentious and Duelling spirit carried out to practice and effect, in the Kingdom of Prussia. And which might serve to shew how the Kingly and National spirit is pusillanimously sunk, and ignominiously degraded.

When the late King, Frederick the Great was applied to for his opinion respecting Two of his Court, who intended to fight a Duel, it is well known as reported and recorded, that, He gave not an immediate reply, but took the preliminary means of having A GALLOWS erected and set up before the Palace Windows at Potsdam ; and which should be seen from the Room in which the Court were to meet on the morrow. And, when assembled They naturally enquired of him the reason of such an unsightly object. He *then* gave his answer that, He had caused it to be Erected for the SURVIVOR, of the two Duellists. Which reply was doing honour and shewing a courageous and a just spirit, like a King,—enlisted Himself to preserve the Lives at least of his Military

Subjects, and that they should not be sacrificed at the beck and call of any quarrelsome and bullying Member thereof.

But how is the matter now reversed? and the Kingly and National spirit, miserably fallen and disgraced? In that a *National Tribunal* has been systematized, and only wanting the Military Flag of Blood, or Black Eagle (which perhaps was displayed) before the recently formed Band of Magistrates, and therefore *the Representatives* of the National spirit;—appointed and established,—*to witness* the encountering of two Duellers, contending *as* Demons for Blood to satisfy their Honour!—Accursed be such honour *by* Men, at least by every Christian; and because, and especially, *as it is pronounced* accursed of God. And that, He has declared every One of whom *is* a Murderer. For so, and thus—He hath said,—“If any Man take up an *Instrument of Iron*, or Weapon of Wood, or by throwing a Stone, *to smite* a fellow man, and he die, He *is* a Murderer; The Murderer shall surely be put to Death.”—Numbers xxxv. 16—18.

If any Man will dispute or reprove, and “*contend* with his Maker,—Let him answer it.” He cannot, surely, but know the result, and *that* his end will be *destruction*.

In addition to the foregoing and accursed Duel in Germany; may now be added as is just promulgated the description of another, and if possible it shews, the more Devilish and Damnable conflict of

the Blood-thirsty that has taken place at Bayonne in France. It has before been mentioned that,—Formerly, if by accident a Man slew his Fellow, the Divine Law ordained that he should abscond, and *expel himself* from the Kingdom or Territory, during the Life of the *then* Living Priest; and if he did not, any Relative of the slain Man, should be held guiltless if he slew the Causer of Death: so that *the Land* should be purged of the guilt of Men-slayers and Murderers.

And now returning to the *eligibility* of Professing Members, and classified Individuals associated for Building Churches and Temples; and especially of Those who are Men of Blood! who presume to Erect *them* to the Living God.

Can the Archbishop of Canterbury and his Confederate Bishops, dare to think that the Missionary from the Monarch whose Hands are *stained* with Blood, and almost or indeed *still wet*, with the blood of Polanders! and otherwise *dyed*, and full of Human Blood, shed and unrepented of? Can therefore the Archbishop and his associated Bishops, who have presumed, by and with their State-Church-Articles!! *To consecrate and qualify* such Missionary of the King, to establish a Christian Church at Jerusalem?! Can they think it can prosper? under One whose heart is rather turned backward, and whose soul may more aptly be seen under his Chivalrous Flag,—*the Black Eagle*, which is, as it were, the Ensign of Blood;

the Motto, and Insignia,—“Death and no quarter.” And therefore very fitly and appropriately, Black is the National, Military and the *Personal* clothing.

Is it not charity to aver that no contentious spirit can see God, or enter his Kingdom. Can the Association of Bishops and Priests still venture to delude themselves, and deceive the People in leading them to imagine, that *any* Man of Blood is eligible, either by Himself or his Agent, and in any-wise admissible as an Instrument to lay *any* Stone for a foundation, or *any* Corner Stone for an acceptable Church or Temple to the God of Peace ??

Even David, the best of Kings that ever sat upon an Earthly Throne, *bowed submission*, when He was warned to desist, *and*, because he had shed Blood; and thereafter, He neither sought or attempted to build and so to rebel : But blessed his God for the revelation by his Prophet, that his son “Solomon, should be a Man of Rest; and I, the Lord will give Peace and Quietness in his Days, and He shall build an House for my Name.” And David exhorted “all Israel to keep and seek *for all* the Commandments of the Lord their God.” And he gave to Solomon,—“The Pattern of all *that He had by the Spirit* revealed to him *of the Lord’s House*, which he should Build; and with comfort he submitted it, and with great joy and thankfulness transmitted *the pattern* to Solomon his Son; advising and telling him how glorious it must be, and “exceeding magnificent.”

How great was the jealousy of the Jews in recognizing only One Temple for the worship of the true God may be known by reference to the Old Scripture Authority: and *now* furthermore, *by* reminiscence of Apostolic and inspired Teachers, *that*,—Temple service is abrogated and dispensed with; even by Him who *is* the real Temple, Ubiquitous and Omnipresent, and by his saying,—“Where two or three are gathered together in my Name, *there* am I in the midst of them.”—Not implying any Church or Temple *built* with Men’s hands for express worship, *but* the contrary.

Yet, how exceedingly is both one and the other,—The Old and the New Testament authorities, misconstrued and even *perverted* by the Bishop of Oxford, in his Sermon of Dedication of the Church to the Romish Priestess St. Catherine?!

Like the Romanist inveiglers, He calls on the great and wealthy to contribute their riches to such Saintly Temples, for thus, says he,—“They were *Christianized* (!) and pressed into the service of the Lord!! And so the work went on, ‘Mighty men and Kings built Temples:’ and who can doubt that They did inherit *something* of King David’s Royal Spirit?”

It may well and truly be asked for ascertainment of the truth—not how much, but how little of King David’s spirit did they possess? For, they *neither* checked themselves, nor were they, like King David, *held worthy* to be admonished, to restrain their wilful and Headstrong Buildings. “And so, as saith the

Bishop, the work went on.” And he might have said *has gone on* till the present time, when it appears the time is not far off, that, as in the days of the ‘mighty’ Nimrod, whose Kingdom as we read of, in the Tenth and Eleventh chapters of Genesis was Babel ; and *there* did the Lord confound the Builders that they could not understand one another’s speech, *and then* they left off to Build. And God scattered the Builders abroad, as Outcasts, upon the Face of all the Earth.

We are told to Judge nothing before the time appointed, when all things are to be Judged by the Spirit of God’s truth. And we are exhorted, meanwhile,—“ To believe *not* every Spirit, *but to try* the Spirits whether they are of God : *because* many false Prophets are gone out into the World.” And saith that approved, excellent and trustworthy Teacher St. Paul, to the Corinthians,—“ With me it is a very small thing that I should be judged of You, or of Man’s judgment ; yea, I judge not mine own Self. For I know nothing by myself ; yet I am not here justified : but he that Judgeth me *is* the Lord. Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to Light the hidden things of Darkness, and will make *manifest the counsels of the Hearts* : and then shall every man have praise of God.” And to this accords the consecrated Psalms of the beloved King David, *as* recorded in the Bible—

“ Let the Heavens rejoice, and let the Earth be glad ; let the Sea roar, and the fulness thereof.



Let the field be joyful, and all that *is* therein : *then* shall all the trees of the wood rejoice before the Lord : for He cometh, for He cometh to judge the Earth : He shall judge *the World* with Righteousness, and the People *with* his Truth.—Give unto the Lord the Glory *due unto* his Name : bring an offering and come into his Courts. O worship the Lord in the beauty of Holiness : fear before Him, all the earth. Say among the Heathen *that* the Lord reigneth ;—the World also shall be *established* that it shall not be moved : He shall judge the people righteously.—The Lord reigneth ; let the Earth rejoice ; let the multitude of Isles be glad *thereof*.—Confounded *be all they* that serve Graven Images, *that* boast themselves of Idols.”  
 “ Ye that love the Lord, hate evil.”

And continues the sweet Psalmist of Israel, and the Man after God's own heart.—“ O sing unto the Lord a new Song ; for He hath done marvellous things : His right hand, and his Holy arm, hath gotten him the Victory.—The Lord reigneth ; let the People tremble : He sitteth *between* the Cherubims ; let the Earth be moved.—The Lord *is* great in Zion ; and He *is* High above all the People. Exalt ye the Lord our God, and worship at his footstool ; *for He is* Holy.”

And still petitions David, the King.—“ O when wilt Thou come unto me ? I will walk within *my House* with a perfect Heart. I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes : I hate *the work* of them *that* turn aside : *it* shall not cleave unto me. A froward

heart shall depart from me : I will not know a wicked *Person*.—Thou shalt arise, *and* have mercy upon Zion;—He shall appear *in* his Glory.—Bless the Lord, O my Soul : and all that is within me, *bless* his Holy Name. Who *forgiveth* all thine iniquities ; who *healeth* all thy diseases ; who *redeemeth* thy Life from destruction ; who *Crowneth* thee with loving kindness and tender mercies.—For *as* the Heaven is high above the Earth, *so* great is his mercy toward them *that* fear Him. As far as the East is from the West, *so* far hath He *removed* our transgressions from us.—Like as a Father pitieth *his* Children, *so* the Lord pitieth them *that* fear Him.—The mercy of the Lord *is* from everlasting to everlasting upon them *that* fear him, and His righteousness *unto* Children's children ; *To such* as keep his covenant, and to Those *that remember his Commandments to do them.*" Psalms xcvi.—ciii.

These extracts from the few and several Psalms, serve to shew the *enraptured* Soul of David, and *where*, even above, He had fixed his Heart and Soul's treasure ; and his longing desire to reign *solely* by the Precepts and Law of his God : and *not* after the Commandments of Men. And His confidence and exultation is further testified in many more of his sublime and beautiful Psalms, as in this wise—" I cried with *my* whole heart ; hear me, O Lord : I will keep *thy* Statutes. O how I love thy Law ! It is my meditation all the day. Through *thy* Precepts I get understanding : therefore I hate every false way. Salvation

*is far* from the wicked : for *they seek not* Thy statutes. Let *not* an Evil Speaker be established in the Earth : Evil shall hunt the Violent man to overthrow *him*. Justice and Judgment *are* the Habitation of thy Throne : *mercy and truth* shall go before thy Face. Blessed *is* the People that know the joyful sound : They shall walk, O Lord, in the light of Thy countenance.—The Lord *is* our defence ; and the Holy One of Israel *is* our King. *Then* thou spakest in vision to thy holy one, and saidst, I have laid help upon *One that is* mighty ; I have exalted *One* chosen out of the People. I have found David my servant ; with my Holy Oil have I anointed Him : With whom my Hand shall be established : mine Arm also shall strengthen him. My mercy will I keep for Him for evermore, and *my covenant* shall stand *fast* with Him. His seed also will I make *to endure* for ever, and His Throne as the Days of Heaven.”

This then *is*, that promised Throne, now about to be set up and established, by the Hand and Arm of the Almighty Father of all the Living ; *whose* Day of Judgment being arrived, all things must and will be tried and proved,—by the same Spirit, (as before spoken of,) *that* corrected David, and to which He hearkened : and Woe will betide, and *be* to the Man, that Judgeth by any other Spirit.

Thus hath the Lord said by his Prophet, Isaiah, respecting the Judgment which *hasteth* rapidly, and which assuredly shall take place, and come to pass “In that day shall the Lord of Hosts *be* for a Crown of

Glory, and for a Diadem of beauty, unto the residue of *his* People ; *And*, for a Spirit of Judgment to him that sitteth in Judgment, and for strength to them *that* turn the Battle to the gate.”—“ Hear the word of the Lord, ye scornful Men, that rule this People which is in Jerusalem.”—“ Behold, the Lord *cometh* out of his place *to punish* the Inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity : the Earth also shall *disclose* her Blood, and shall no more *cover* her Slain.”

This brings to mind and recurrence, the subject of the Blood-shedding times of the Four great and destroying Powers ; which have so long and especially of late been on the Tapis, and before the eye of the People, in *the exercise* of their devastating and desolating Military process and Power in the execution thereof.

If we have recourse and refer to the latter-day Prophecy in the Seventh chapter of Daniel, we shall find that the four Beasts spoken of, *are* interpreted—“ Four Kings *which* shall arise out of the Earth. The first Three are described, as a Lion, a Bear, and a Leopard. But the Fourth is a Nondescript : But of which it is recorded, that, “ It shall devour the whole Earth.” And of the Second Beast it is written that it was,—“ Like to a Bear, and it raised up Itself on one side, and *it had* Three ribs in the Mouth of it between the Teeth of it : and *they* said thus unto it, *Arise*, devour much Flesh.” How clearly and undeniably have Circumstances and Events which have taken place within these last years, and present Times ; come in proof and manifestation of the faithfulness *and* accomplishment of this Prophecy ?

For assistance and elucidation, and for a concise and comprehensive view and appreciation of the subject of this Prophecy, and peculiarly though somewhat unwittingly, of the second Beast, and of its "Three Ribs;"—we may very advantageously have recourse to an approved, and in many cases excellent periodical Publication, under the cognomen of the Topic: and which is now and deservedly, in general Circulation, and *estimable* for its condensed Information on every subject, as it were, that it investigates and animadverts upon. Instead of a Sermonizing exposition of the Prophecy, or any sophisticated and laboured attempt to exemplify it, which commonly ends in reducing interpretation, according to one or other Sectarian Bigotry of explanation; and therefore *clouds* and *diverts* the just application of the Text, from its genuine, efficacious, and practical bearing on the subject.

The apparent difference is plainly seen in the impartial statement of facts, and the eloquence of Truth-speaking in relation of the subject-matter in hand, and its disgraceful consequences and appertinances to the Parties concerned; and which is most conspicuous and observable in The Topic, No. IV. on Poland, and which commencing thus,—

"For three quarters of a Century the name of Poland has been constantly forcing itself upon the attention of the world, coupled with all that is heroic and noble, *and* all that is base and appalling in Human nature.—Our space precludes us from entering into

the details of the *Diplomatic intrigues* which led to the first dismemberment of Poland. It is well known *that* the first Idea of this *nefarious* Transaction was suggested by Prussia, and was for a long time opposed by the Russian Cabinet. At last, however, the *base Plans* of each were brought into accordance with those of the other ; and in the midst of Peace, *and* in the face of quiescent Europe, the Kingdom *was* dismembered.—Her territory unequally *divided* between Austria, Russia, and Prussia.—At the Congress of Vienna, 1815, The affairs of Poland were finally arranged as follows : A part of the Duchy of Warsaw was given to Prussia under the Title of the Duchy of Posen : Cracow, with a Territory of about 440 English square Miles, and 120,000 Inhabitants, was erected into a Republic *under* the joint protection of Austria, Russia, and Prussia :—and *the remainder*, was entitled the Kingdom of Poland !—The spoliating Parties having concluded their bargain, *caused a Diet* to be convoked to sanction *their iniquitous proceedings.*”

Thus far the Topic, but the more perfect DIET appears, that, *as* contained in the fifth Verse of the Seventh Chapter of the Prophet, Daniel,—*where* the Three spoliating Parties are assembled, and they said one to another, and especially to the second Beast, like to a Bear ; “ Arise, devour much Flesh.”

How long the unrighteous and unprincipled dominant Power of the Three Confederates, who have seized the Property and the Persons of a whole

Nation ; and because, They had the power of doing so ! How long, it might well be questioned, and by Those especially, who take upon them to try, to judge, and to convict of a *petty Larceny*, and more so of the heinous crime of shedding the Blood of a single Being of Human kind ? How long, it ought momentarily to be considered, can the Inhuman outrages be likely to stand ! Now that the *nefarious* Principle of the Despots has devolved and predominated, insomuch that, They are and have been found, to pay a stated and hired price for human Blood ? ! And even the Judas's *they* have hired,—the *Traitors* of the Polish Nobles, their Benefactors, whom they have murdered ; and brought their dead Bodies in claim of their *proffered reward* !—The Murderers and Thieves it has appeared, have not had even the compunction of conscience of Judas himself, who felt the just and retributive *torment* for his Hellish and Devilish doings.

In consequence of the Facts of these dreadful and violent outrages, and Calamities dealt out on their own Species ; and the enormity of their having taken place under the cognizance and superintendence of the RULERS over Men and by their Agents : therefore they afford *incontestible* and positive Proof of the ripened state of the World ; especially of that *division* thereof under *The Four European Powers* : and whereof, all the precise symptoms and predicated Signs of the Great Fourth Kingdom having come to pass and now appearing ; therefore is the whole System

matured and ripe for dissolving, and of being broken to pieces,—*as appointed*, and of being scattered like Chaff before the Winds, and no place be any more found for it. Consequently and very apparently, the appropriate and Universal *call* to all Nations to come nigh and hear, *is* at hand to be heard; especially by the Four Kingdoms, respecting which the Prophecy mainly refers, and even the Words of the great Prophet to be effectually accomplished; *as* saith ISAIAH, the mighty and the eminently illumined of the Lord,—

“Come near, ye Nations, to hear; and hearken, ye People: let the Earth hear, and all that is therein; *the World*, and all things that come forth of it. For the *Indignation* of the Lord *is* upon all Nations, and *his* fury upon all their Armies: he hath *utterly* destroyed them, he hath delivered them to the slaughter.—Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a Trumpet, *and shew* my People their Transgression, and the House of Jacob their *sins*.—*There is* no Peace, saith my God, to the Wicked.”

“The mighty God hath spoken and said,—the World, and all that is under Heaven *is* mine. And as the Earth is the Lord’s and its fulness,” He disposes thereof as his judgment and good pleasure seems meet. And that, as the Prophet, in the days of Nebuchadnezzar related to the King, “while he was flourishing in his Palace,”—He giveth it to whomsoever he will; and, (because of the iniquity in the earth) “He setteth up over it *the basest* of Men; to the intent *that*, *The Living* may know that The Most High ruleth



in the Kingdom of Men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will." The former Prophet, Isaiah, hath likewise testified of, "The High and Lofty One that inhabiteth Eternity, whose name is Holy ; I dwell in the High and Holy *place*, with him also *that is* of a contrite and humble spirit, *to revive* the spirit of the humble, and to revive *the heart* of the contrite ones. For I will not contend for ever :—for the iniquity of his *Covetousness* was I *wroth*, and smote him :—I have seen his ways and will heal him."—Isaiah lvii.

And now beneficially, may we turn to the Kingdom of *God's choice*, which he hath promised to his servant David to set up and to establish ; and that his Beloved Son, as Heir thereof, shall sit and rule thereon, " *With* increase of judgment and justice for ever."—Is. ix. 6, 7. And saith Christ,—“ To Him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in *my* Throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in *his* Throne.—Rev. iii.

Instead of the unjust and unrighteous Kingdoms which have *preceded*, and which shall be broken to pieces : We read in *the second* Book of Samuel, and in Chapter xxiii. the beautiful, and last words of David. —“ David the son of Jesse, the anointed of the God of Jacob, and the sweet Psalmist of Israel, said,—The Spirit of the Lord spake by me, and his Word *was* in my tongue. The God of Israel said, the Rock of Israel spake to me, *He* that Ruleth over Men *must be*

Just, *ruling* in the fear of God. And *he shall be as* the Light of the Morning, *when* the Sun riseth, *even* a morning without Clouds ; *as* the tender Grass *springing* out of the Earth by clear shining after rain."

And to this accords the blessed *succession* of the Kingdom, which Daniel saw in the night Visions, and, behold,—“ ONE like the Son of Man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before Him. And there was given *him* Dominion, and Glory, and a Kingdom, that all People, Nations, and Languages, should serve him : His dominion *is* an Everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his Kingdom *that* which shall not be destroyed.”—Daniel vii. 13, 14.

But what have Sectarians to do with the Kingdom of Daniel, or with the Throne of David, which God himself will set up and establish ;—in defiance *and* contempt of them all ? And especially of the so called scientific and scholastic Men, who search the World through for Authorities to sustain and support *their* self-devised Axioms, and *their* presumptive Orthodoxy of Principles which they themselves have invented. In such sort stands the apparently Protestant Church, the Members whereof, *professedly* surrender and give their whole heart and mind, *and* their souls' labour stedfastly, to preserve ; even their Self-contrived-Articled-Church, which they have made their Idol, their God, and which is, *their* Kingdom *come* !

With what pretence therefore can Protestants who

have framed and fixed their Earthly Church views, *and* Kingdom of this World to be supported at all risks ;—though militant against *the precepts* of Christ, of the Gospel, and of their Salvation ! With what pretence can They use and repeat the Lord's prayer, —“ *Thy kingdom come.*”—The principles and spirit whereof stand recorded in the Scriptures, as *directly* opposed, and the very reverse of the doctrine and commandments of Men ; and of Him who has pronounced them *vain* : but for which they have spent their strength and yielded their power to introduce and establish as far as in them lays, and which has lain. Yet how soon and even now at hand, as it appears, will the words of the faithful Prophet be brought to remembrance and a repetition of judgment, like unto which Samuel was grieved to tell Saul,—*because* he had *rebelled* against the Word, and *disobeyed* the Commandment of God, and not *hearkened* to his Voice ; therefore, it had been revealed to him of the Lord, that, He had rejected him from being King over Israel. For that, “ To obey *the voice* of the Lord *was* better than sacrifice, *and* to hearken than the fat of rams. For rebellion *is as* the sin of *Witchcraft*, and stubbornness *is as*, Iniquity and *Idolatry.*”

So likewise now it appears, will soon be found the beguiling influence and insinuation, and the doctrinal teaching and *delusive imposition* of several of the Protestant Church Articles, particularly of the 3d, 27th, 37th, and 39th. Which latter One, it may truly be said, has *Bewitched* the People, even and especially all,

*that* have to do with the Fundamental-Franchising spirit, and Oath-qualification of communicating and speaking between men. And consequently, by the *wilful* Rebellion and Stubbornness of their hearts and minds, the People become Enthusiasts, and are driven mad, as it were, in support and furtherance of the Principle *which* works their destruction ; even that open one *as* being obstinate and perverse, against the first Rudiment of the Law of Truth, *and* Commandment of Him which alone can preserve and do them good.

It may well and truly be lamented that, Mankind having the whole Book of God and the Truth in their hands ; should so have estranged themselves, and become and remain, so little acquainted with the doctrine ; *or* inclined to be led by the guidance and governance of the Three great Worthies aforementioned,—the pure, and perfect, and directive Teachers,—Samuel, Daniel, and David ;—in accordance and coincidence with Christ, his Prophets, and his Apostles. It may moreover be held grievous and distressing, that Protestants by and with their affected profession of Orthodoxy, should have excluded the excellent inspirations, and sublimity of the Divinely taught Solomon, and his *Book of Wisdom* : in which he so graciously details the Primordials of instruction to the RULERS of Mankind ; and wherein the following extracts and exceedingly beautiful Portraiture of Doctrinal Tenets and Principles are seen and are to be found.==

“ God created Man to be Immortal, and made him to be an Image of his own Eternity.”

“ Righteousness is Immortal.”

“The Souls of the Righteous are in the hand of God, and there shall no torment touch them. Love righteousness ye that be Judges of the earth : think of the Lord with a good (heart,) and in simplicity of heart seek him. Hear, therefore, O ye Kings, and understand ; learn, Ye that be Judges of the ends of the Earth. Give ear, Ye that Rule the People, and glory in the Multitude of Nations. For power is given you of the Lord, and Sovereignty from the Highest, who shall *try* your Works, and *search* out your Counsels. *If* your delight be then in Thrones and Sceptres, O ye Kings of the people, honour Wisdom, that ye may reign for evermore. *Wherefore* I prayed, and understanding was given me : I called *upon God*, and the Spirit of wisdom came to me. I preferred her before Sceptres and Thrones, and esteemed Riches nothing, in comparison of her. I loved her above health and beauty, and chose to have her instead of light: for the Light that cometh from her *never* goeth out. All good things together came to me with her, and innumerable riches in her hands ; and I rejoiced in *them* all, *because* Wisdom goeth before them : and I knew not that she was the Mother of them. In that she is *conversant* with God, she magnifieth her Nobility : yea, the Lord himself loved her. I learned diligently, and do communicate *her* liberally : I do not hide her riches. For she is a treasure unto Men that never faileth. They that put their trust in the Lord, *shall* understand the truth. All such things as are either secret or manifest,

them I know. For Wisdom, which is the worker of all things, taught me : for in her is an understanding spirit, holy, one only, manifold, subtil, lively, clear, undefiled, plain, not subject to hurt, loving the thing that is good, quick, which cannot be letted, ready to do good. Kind to man, stedfast, sure, free from care, having all power, overseeing all things, and going through all understanding, pure, and most subtil, spirits. She passeth and goeth through all things by reason of her *pureness*. For she *is*—

‘The breath of the power of God, and a pure *influence* flowing from the glory of the Almighty : therefore can *no* defiled thing fall into her.’ For she *is*—The Brightness of the Everlasting light, the Unspotted Mirror of the power of God, and the Image of his Goodness.”

Solomon the King having *thus* produced the manifestations of his Divine and Godly *inspirations*, and afforded proof of the Heavenly benedictions with which the Lord God had endowed him *after* his request.

For, “In Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night : and God said,—Ask what I shall give thee. And Solomon said,—Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart to Judge thy People, that I may discern between good and bad : for who is able to judge this so great a people ? And the speech pleased the Lord, that Solomon had asked this thing. And God said unto him,—Behold, I have done according to thy words : lo I have given thee *a wise*

*and an understanding heart* ; so that there was none like thee before thee, neither after thee shall any arise like unto thee.—And *if* Thou wilt *walk* in my Statutes, and *execute* my Judgments, and *keep* my Commandments *to walk* in them ; *then* will I perform my word *with Thee*, which I spake unto David thy Father : And I will dwell among the children of Israel, and will not forsake my people Israel." 1 Kings iii.—&, 6th, v.12.

This last testimony of the Divine *gift* to Solomon, is drawn from the admitted and the allowed Canonical Book of the Old Testament authority ; and consequently one would be inclined to think, that Those who have the Book before them, and acknowledge its authenticity, would *not* seek or attempt to deny the Godly *inspirations* with which the highly favoured Solomon *was* once endowed : Notwithstanding that, through negligence, inattention, and ingratitude ; He lost *and* deprived himself of the promised blessing of being established in the Throne and Kingdom of his Father, David.

Nevertheless, his Book of WISDOM affords manifest and glorious proof of His having retained a lively Portion of the Divine and Godly inspiration ; and of which the afore-mentioned Quotations and extracts, give evident and *undeniable* Testimony. Yet the labour of the Worldly-wise *is*, to pronounce his Book, —inclusive of the excellent admonitions of the Son of Sirach or book of Ecclesiasticus,—*as* apocryphal

and uncanonical. This, it appears, is the case with Those, even with Protestants who admit having all the Books in hand and open before them. Yet in order to deny the Canonicity of one, deny also, perhaps unawares, the Inspiration of the other, *as contained in the Bible*; as well as in the Apocrypha: so that, and purposely, They may substitute and substantiate their Convocation Code of Orthodoxy! Nay, it has now come to pass and is just promulgated, *and* by desire in the Church of England Magazine for August 46, that, a Protestant Clergyman, and speaking for himself and brethren,—“The Rev. Mr. Hartwel Horne asserts,—In former editions, I gave a brief outline of the evidence on which, *We* reject the Apocryphal Books as uninspired.” And the Rev. Mr. H. proceeds to make extracts from divers Authors and Authorities in support of his ‘Lucubrations!’—“All Protestant Churches are fully justified in rejecting the Apocryphal books from the canon of the divinely-inspired scriptures.”—And, “Lastly, the apocryphal books are rejected by the Oriental or Greek church from the Canon *of* the divinely-inspired scripture; so that, as bishop Burnet has well observed,—‘We have the concurring sense of *the whole Church of God* in this matter.’—And the reference concludes, with a recommendation to Bishop Burnet on the Thirty-nine Articles!!!

And of Bishop Burnett’s *exposition* of the Articles, it appears, and which is confirmed by a recent abstracted and abridged publication,—that it is, *as bigoted*



*and spurious* as Dr. Hook's, or any other warped and prejudiced Sectarian publication.

And, well and duly it may be asked, what does Bishop Burnet mean by the Oriental Church, or the Greek Church, and the whole Church of God! confirmed by the Articles,—*the heart and soul* of the Protestant Church? Have one or the other ought to do with the Apostolic and *Gospel* Church of Christ and *his* Salvation? If not, They must be swept away altogether, *when His precepts* come to bear sway; and which are appointed *to make all things new*; and to form the Heaven of God on Earth: and *when* the conceited Heaven, and Earthly powers formed by Man shall *melt and dissolve* and pass away: but *his* Words shall stand for ever!

The forthcoming Dissolution and *seventh Vial* poured out into the Air, will probably effect the predicted consummation; *as* the whole System is found rebellious and Universally corrupt and tainted at the root,—The commandments of Men prevailing, in opposition to those of God. Therefore as the Apostle has proclaimed,—“The day of the Lord will come as a Thief in the Night; in the which the Political Heavens shall pass away with *a great noise*, and the works that are therein shall be *burned up*.” Their Heavens, “being on Fire shall be dissolved, and the Elements shall melt with fervent heat. Nevertheless *we*, according to His promise, Look for *new* Heavens and a *new* Earth, wherein dwelleth Righteousness.” 2 Peter iii.

When the Kingdom of God and Christ shall come, and as shortly and quickly *expected* to prevail; it may and will be found *as perilous* to retain the best of the Articles, under pretence of doing sacrifice; as it was with Saul in retaining the best of the things appointed for destruction: *and* because of his stubbornness and rebellion, God took away his Mercy from him: *and* an evil Spirit from the Lord troubled him. Were Mankind, even any or all of them, looking into the Testamentary principles of their Salvation, and imbibing the *précepts* of the Gospel; they may at once *assure* themselves that, God has no need, *neither* will He take any one of the Articles for a foundation, or any one for a Corner stone of *his* Church. And which is appointed to stand on its own Foot, without addition or diminution, as recorded.

Although Protestants in their supercilious hauteur, pronounce the Book of Wisdom as Apocryphal; —is it to be supposed that the Articles *are* a worthy substitute, and fitting to *supersede* the sublime Ecstacies of the heavenly endowed Solomon! *as* they are written and stand recorded?—It provokes the question,—Are not the Articles far beyond, and more exceedingly Apocryphal? And farthermore of the several *motley* Creeds; for instance of two—One asserting according to truth, that Jesus Christ suffered and was buried, and *he rose again according* to the Scriptures:—the Other *falsifying* the words of Scripture, asserting, that Jesus Christ was crucified, dead,

and buried: *and He descended into Hell!*—Which then is Apocryphal?—*And* where is *Hypocrisy* found?

Says a learned Writer, The Rev. John Brown of Haddington, in his copious and intelligent Dictionary of the Bible, published in 1806.==

“Without any shadow of proof, is our common Creed ascribed to the Apostles as Authors thereof. None of the Fathers, *in the first Three Centuries*, pretend it to have been *the composition* of the Apostles; nor, in the primitive Ages, was it the same in all Churches, or the same with what we have now. Far less ought the Canons and Constitutions, called by their name, to pass *for Apostolic*. Besides, a variety of other blunders, they refer to Metropolitans, and other things not found in the Christian Church, *till long after the Apostles were buried in their graves*; nor is it probable, that they were *collected or forged* till the fifth Century, when Impostors *were* become impudent enough, and the People as credulous.

Vast numbers of false and pretended Apostles very early *pestered* the Churches; particularly those of Syria, Galatia, Corinth, Colosse, &c. Acts xx. Gal. i. 7—9. 2 Cor. x. 11. Col. ii.”

After this close investigation, and very apparent manifestation of the truth, with what pretence can Protestants uphold the profession of that which is called the Aposle's Creed; but more especially in regard to the Duplicity *and* double-tongued Doctrine

which it inculcates? For no where throughout *the* Testament and *Gospel*, which is the *sole* Creed of the Apostles, can it any where be found *that They* taught *Descent into Hell!*—in lieu of Departure into Paradise!! Nevertheless, and almost as a matter of course, Protestants *do* and teach: And of Purgatory, as *do* Papists, purblindly and wilfully. Therefore clandestinely and unitedly, *both* are found persisting in turning aside from Christ's *Spiritual averment* of His immediate or *Day* Departure into Paradise. Howbeit, of the truth thereof, and of every word of Christ, *many* of His chosen and faithful Disciples were the happy Participaters with him for many days in his *purchased* Paradisiacal Kingdom on Earth.

Those, however, who profess themselves Protestant or Papist, have need to fear, and Personally to tremble too, lest they be found *under* their Creed, their Articles, or their Missal:—Teaching the People, to rebel, and to believe *a lie*; like as did Hananiah, and Shemaiah, who both taught *rebellion* against the Law of the Lord; and whose awful fate *is* recorded by the Prophet Jeremiah, at the close of each of the Chapters, xxviii. 15—17. And, xxix. 30—32.

May it not be apprehended and understood that, The time is nigh coming and even at hand, when there shall and must be instituted and established some form of Test, which shall shortly and concisely try Men, and all things; a kind of Shibboleth that shall prove

every Man, and whereby he shall be given *and* made to know *his* own Principle, *his* own Master, and *his* own God. This point and critical Test appears, especially applicable and called for at the present time, as it respects Protestant England and Papist Ireland; and now that this latter Nation and Mass of the Irish People *are* professedly Roman Catholics, and consequently Idolaters, *which* the very term implies; and as They are now, Notoriously and Insurrectionary, striving for Disunion, and Repeal of involuntary connexion, and of the preponderance of British Jurisprudence and Law of England! Why not manfully disclaim and disinherit them; or at least put them to the Test and Shibboleth—to declare,—If for the Pope, as their acknowledged Head and Master,—to the Pope they should and ought to go, and into *Popedom* they should and ought to be *cast* and *be driven*.

For it should come into mind what Moses was commanded unto the children of Israel,—“Ye shall drive out the Inhabitants of the land from before you, and *destroy* all their Pictures, and *destroy* all their Molten Images, *and* quite pluck down all their High Places. But if ye will not drive out the Inhabitants of the Land—it shall come to pass, *that* I shall *do unto you*, as I thought to do unto them. Numbers xxxiii. 50—56.

Protestants ought to know by the Record of Scripture in their hands, that God himself reigneth *not* over

Rebels and Idolaters, *for* they are none of His ; and from the first, *of Those*,—which He did not momentarily consume, He hath testified and declared his *reserved* Judgment and punishment when he *shall visit*,  
 “ I will visit their Sin upon them.” Exod. xxxii.

Believing, therefore, the testimony of God and Scripture, *and* that no Idolater, *persisting* in his Idolatry, can ever know the Peace of God and Heaven.

And knowing, moreover, that every such an One, *encouraging* himself in his wild Delusion and wilful Enthusiasm ; will be *banished*, cut off, and cast away, together with his Image and Idol, from the sight of God, *and* from his presence for ever.—“ For the day of the Lord of Hosts *shall be* upon every *one that is* proud and lofty,—*and upon all pleasant Pictures*. And the Idols he shall *utterly* abolish.” Is. ii.

Therefore, bringing the matter home, and as applicable to the fulfilment of the Prophecy, respecting the Nation of Idolaters and Worshippers of Images, it appears unquestionable, *that* the time is come in which there should be the fullest *Excision* or cutting asunder ; manfully exerted and displayed, and especially granted to the Petitioners in the case of Separation. Until which it appears, there will be no Peace to either Sect. But if effected, they might, alternately, do some distinct good and service to One another. *This* in charity should be done, *that* they might *the soonest* and the most effectually know

their Head and Master, to whom they put their Souls and Themselves under, to serve. And surely Protestants have reason enough to know, ever since *their fatal Act of Emancipation*, how vexatious is the attempt to rule with Papists? if not, as, they ought also to be fully convinced; how impossible it is for them to reign over hardened Idolaters and the Roman Catholics. God himself reigns *not* over them: or over Rebels, but leaves them to the obstinacy and *fatality* of their own Imaginations.

Time is come that Christians, even every one that believes in God, his Gospel, and Scriptural Salvation; should make their stand, *and* openly avow their confident trust in Him *alone*, who *is* their Life, their Peace, and their God.—Or otherwise he might quickly have cause to fear, lest he be dragged into the beguiling Apostacy, and *deluge* of Roman Catholicism, which is overflowing and overwhelming Protestant England; and even *all* of the Four contingent and constituent parts of the Kingdom; which are *supinely*, *lukewarmly*, and *dastardly* sinking under the prevalence of its *Soul-ruinous*, and destructive Predominancy.

But thanks should be rendered to the Almighty, and in this time of exigency, there is all-sufficient cause to appeal to God; and *ardently* to call upon Him,—remembering and bringing to mind His gracious promise *that*,—“*When the Enemy shall come in like a Flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a Standard against him. And the Redeemer shall come*

to Zion, *and* unto them *that turn from transgression* in Jacob, saith the Lord." Isa. lix.

Protestants, Protestant Divines *by* acknowledging of the Scriptures and the Gospel truths ; assume to know that Idolaters will be accursed, *and* blotted out of the Book of Life for ever ! Therefore, having the written truth and record open before them ; How incumbent is it that *They*, and all Religionists of every description as far as possible ; even, that every Individual and Person, should know and apprehend his Souls' state ; and be enabled to consider and decide, and *determine* whether he will *abide* in error, or flee therefrom for the Salvation of his Soul ? So great was the zeal of St. Paul for the single Soul's Life of a *great* Offender, that, the worthy Gospel guide *ordained*, and has left on record for example, and for precedent, and for authority ;—"To deliver such an One unto Satan *for* the destruction of the flesh, *that the Spirit may be saved* in the day of the Lord Jesus." 1 Cor. v. 5.

But Protestants have ingrafted their *professedly* known Opponents into their System, and by adoption of them *into* their Legislative House and Tophet ; it is now generally become most notorious, and as it were, *that*, from the Commencement of their *Intermeddling*, there has been little else than confusion, perplexity, irritation, dismay, ingratitude—and now at length vexation, and contempt on both sides, more or less, for the Pitiabie manœuvre of *expediency*, and



the boastful vanity of EMANCIPATION!! Would however, that Those who now seek and ask it, *were* as thoroughly as they desire it, delivered up *and* shut off into their Popedom and Baal Kingdom:—that England might *be released*, and thankfully become *a saved Nation*, and the Inhabitants of Britain a *faithful* and favoured People. Recollecting the intimation *that*, some Nations will *not* be saved.

But Protestant Statesmen and Divines, although acknowledging the unerring Book of Truth spread out before them,—*professedly*, and as circumstantially of the first importance,—to guide and govern them; Yet have they tacitly and unwarily let *slip* from their hands, the express direction and efficacious Command—“To let the blind lead the blind, and both shall fall into the ditch.” Instead of making their stand, and charitably so, if it might *be* to convince, and if possible to convert those, whom they know to be estranged from the Apostolic and true Faith, and saving Principles *of the Gospel*:—without sufferance of looking *from* out of it, or elsewhere, for Salvation!

Nevertheless, and regardlessly of the command, and inconsistently with the Prescribed rule, have they introduced *and* brought forward the Blind to *Lead*, to *Guide*, and to *Govern*! Insomuch that it may well and fitly be enquired, whether *by alliance and connivance*, They are not more Papist than Protestant? The *bias* it seems would *now* turn to the former; nay it appears, in a certain case and circumstance that

Protestants have *outstripped* Papists in the very spirit of Popery, and in the grossest Adulation and Apostacy of Saint Worship. For witness and proof of the fact, it may be tested and carried to Priests and Bishops of the Protestant profession both in England and Ireland; but precisely and more especially, and *without* equivocation to the ostensible Bishops of Oxford and Winchester: And for evidential demonstration *to* their Official Agency, *as* Priests of the Fictitious, Popish, and Fantastical Imagery of their Saint, St. George!

The Ceremony of his Saintship, as before alluded to, cannot *apparently*, be exceeded in outrage of Phraseology, and in the concatenation or compilation of Words *of provocation, of insult, and of offence* to the Omnipotent God! No not in any Convocation or Conclave of Priests; or Privy Council of Statesmen; or general Assemblage, including even the old and abhorrent Council of Trent; and every other *imposition* and device of Men. Yet such and so stands the case, notwithstanding *the known* and pre-ordained Judgment, which shall befall *and* be the lot of *every One*—as declared and pronounced by the unerring and infallible Guide and Ruler of Mankind, that—“*By thy Words thou shalt be justified, and by thy Words thou shalt be condemned.*”—Matthew xii. 37.

If it were possible a warning Voice might be lifted up and heard, and in any-wise be effectual in regard to another *Premise* of Installation of a Member of the Patron *cut throat, and rascally* Swindler of

Epiphania, or of Cappadocia ;—*become* the professed Tutelary, St. George of England ! And, moreover, be it taken into the deepest consideration, *as it is* the incumbent duty of every One concerned ; to estimate, by and after, the aforementioned Authorities, and consequently to apply the daring and dreadful *presumption in the Ceremony, in allying the Usurper, the Knave and Vagabond in connection and in honour with Omnipotence ?*

Oh ! Let it come into remembrance what was the awful fate of Nadab and Abihu in their *wilful* offering of *false Incense* ! And, as the case is similar, should the Offerers be consumed, *as were* the Sons of Aaron, whilst they were offering and stood on their Feet: it would scarcely need to be so much wondered at,—*by those* that have the Bible in their hands ;—*as that*, the wrathful Jealousy of God has not *before* been excited, *and* the provoked fury of His Indignation and Vengeance broke out *alike* upon them, and with his devouring Fire *consumed* the Officiating and daring Offenders ! ?—Lev. x. 1—3.

We have lately read, for it has been publicly announced, that the Queen of a neighbouring Nation *has deigned* to confer a Crown of Gold on her Statue and *adored* Image of the Virgin ! And what if She should, by the aid of her Priests, even *Derive* her Golden Fleece ? And courtesy, and bow down, and together with her Priests, worship One or the Other, *and* both of the Images and Statues ! or any other

Block or Lump of Gold and Silver; *or either*, of Marble, Wood, or Stone? What does it at all avail or signify, and whatsoever *that*, an Idolatress or *any* Idolater may do to *a Dumb and dead Stock*? Or of One or Other *crossing of themselves* before a Graven and inanimate Golden or Silver Crucifix?! The fact is,—a proof of contemning, *and* wilful rebelling against the primeval and positive Command of God, that,—

“Thou shalt have no other Gods before me. Thou shalt not *make* unto Thee *any* graven Image, or *any* LIKENESS *of any thing* that is in Heaven above, or that is in the Earth beneath, or that is in the Water under the earth: Thou shalt *not bow down* thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God *am* a jealous God visiting the iniquity of the Fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth *generation* of them that hate me; And shewing Mercy unto Thousands that love me, and *keep* my Commandments.”—Exodus xx. 3—6.

Yet even the Barefaced and open violation and transgression, in contempt of God's Word and Ordinance; appears, if possible, inferior in offence, when brought into comparison with *the premeditated insult* offered to THE LIVING GOD!—*by* the Priesthood of the Mammon and Patron Saint of England!!

Wherefore, it appears there is all-sufficient cause and reason to apprehend God's judgments are at hand, and that as testified by his Prophet Hosea, it will *fare* —“Like People, like Priest:—and I will punish them for their ways, and reward them their doings.” For,

saith the Lord God,—“ My People *are* destroyed for lack of knowledge : because thou hast rejected knowledge I will also reject thee, that Thou shalt be *no* Priest unto me : seeing thou hast *forgotten* the Law of thy God, I will also forget *thy* Children. As they were increased, so they sinned against me.—*therefore* will I change *their* glory into shame.” Their Tabernacle of Moloch, and the brilliant Star of their god Remphan, figures made to worship, (Acts vii.) apparently, will quickly *be* their shame, instead of their glory. And moreover, saith the Lord of Hosts, “ *concerning* the joyous *City*, the Crowning *City*, whose Merchants are Princes,—whose Traffickers *are* the honorable of the earth ;—I have taken this Counsel and purposed it—*To stain the Pride* of all glory, and to bring into contempt *all* the Honorable of the Earth.” And in corroboration and confirmation, saith the last of the Bible Prophets,—“ Behold, the day cometh, that shall *burn* as an Oven ; and all the Proud, yea, and all that do Wickedly, shall be *stubble* : and the Day that cometh shall *burn* them up, saith the Lord of Hosts, that *it* shall leave them neither *root* nor *branch*.” Malachi iv.

What, if in addition to the Kings and Great Ones of the Earth, which are and have been so prone to visit this, the Kingdom of England ;—*Suppose* The POPE himself should come, it may be conceived *that* among other things, if not as a main thing for his gratification, might be *the Church of the Patron Saint*,

and especially *the interior* of the Chapel, *where* He would have Ocular witness of its *Devotedness*. To honour so great a Visitor, it is very feasible to apprehend that the Tripartite of Functionaries would be deputed to attend upon him ; even the Dean, and the two Bishops, which are the Priests of the Saint, *after* whom the Church is *named* and dedicated : And possibly, and not very improbably in common parlance, *They* might address him, the Pope,—His Holiness ! ! And on opening the door of the Choir, *or* introducing Him to the exhibition *in the Chapel* of the manifold Military Ensigns and Armorial Flags of the Sovereigns of this World ! *They* might at once *Challenge him to show*, or to produce, a greater *proof* of SPIRITUAL FORNICATION with all Nations ? Nay, as God himself has disclaimed, repudiated, and *denounced* all such Worldly Spirit, and all such Demonstrations, and display of Earthly Banners and Accoutrements.—They might *more* appropriately dedicate Them to another, even to the “ Prince of this World,” and “ Prince of the Power of the Air,” to whom they more immediately belong : and in *affinity* they might advance a step further, and address and present them to—His Satanic Majesty, not only without offence, but to *his* entire approbation.

Supposing the Military buoy themselves up and willingly and wilfully harden and embolden themselves in the spirit of Warfare and the World’s illusion ; Is it honorable or creditable to the Clergy that

*They* should sanction the delusion of the Contentious, and stimulate and encourage them, in the exercise of their power of Destruction?—Like however, as notoriously did, the Bishop and Prelate of the Order of the Garter, and publicly so at Winchester, not long since;—To the small band of the 44th Regiment, whose Lives had been spared in the bloody Affghan contest, and that had returned from the strife of that desolating War of Bloodshed, and of Death! The Bishop moreover professed, and openly avowed before the Soldiers, *His esteemed glory* in bearing and wearing the Badge of the Patron Saint; notwithstanding, *Historians* have described and defined him as the Fighting Scoundrel St. George! Nevertheless, under *his* Banner, He exhorted Them to fight till the Death!

In his *other* assumed character of Christian Bishop, and Minister of the Gospel, he might more justly have said, it was his bounden Duty to tell them that,—“All that take the Sword must fall by the Sword,—and *justifying it*, must perish by it.” For there are two Swords, and though a Man by wielding the outward, may avoid and escape from his fate for a time; but whosoever resists the inward, which is the Sword of the Spirit, and of God; he cannot possibly escape, or be delivered from destruction.

Wherefore,—Those that do trust in their God, and believe in his Omnipotency;—*They* will hearken to the words of his exhortation, *and* will rely on the means and power appointed *for* their Deliverance *and*

Protection; and which HE hath declared *by* his Prophet to Zerubbabel, saying,—“Not by Might or by *Army*, nor by Power; *but*, by My Spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts.—Moreover, The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of *this* House; His hands shall also finish it.—They shall rejoice, and shall see the Plummets in the hand of Zerubbabel *with* those seven; they *are* the eyes of the Lord, which run to and fro through the whole Earth.” Zechariah iv.

How long can it be thought that the deceitful and treacherous dealing shall be borne in the sight of God, and also before Men without rebuke, and without manifestation of the *proclaimed* Judgment that,—*They* that destroy and make desolate the earth shall be destroyed. Immediately on the Resurrection of the Two Witnesses, which in the Vision of the Prophet, were slain by the Beast *that* ascended out of the bottomless Pit, or the Tophet:—“After three Days and an half the Spirit of Life from God entered into them, *and* they stood upon their feet: And they heard a great Voice from Heaven, saying unto them, Come up hither. And they ascended up to Heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them. And the same hour was there a great Earthquake.”

And quickly after,—“The *Seventh* Angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The Kingdoms of this World are become *the Kingdoms* of our Lord, and of his Christ; and He shall reign for ever and ever. And the Four and twenty Elders, which



*sat* before God on their seats, fell upon their faces, and worshipped God, saying,—We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which art, and wast, and art to come ; *because* Thou hast taken to thee Thy great Power, and hast *reigned*. And the *Nations* were angry, and thy Wrath *is* come, and the time of the dead, *that* they should be judged, and that Thou shouldest give *reward* unto thy servants *the Prophets*, and to *the Saints*, and *Them* that fear thy Name, small and great ; and shouldest Destroy *them*, which destroy (or corrupt) the Earth.” Rev. xi.

If the Clericals whom it may be thought and expected should be the Guides to the Peace and Salvation of the Souls of the People ; yet, instead of lifting up their Voices, Trumpet-tongued, to warn them by its loud Soundings of the indispensable necessity of *Repentance* !!—but, if contrariwise they tacitly and clandestinely *Coalesce* in the prowess of Strife and Contention, and become *even themselves* Coadjutors and Administrators in War and Death !—*Then*, and momentarily when such is the case, it is most incumbent *that*, Believers in God and the Scriptures, should more zealously search, and seek to understand ;—*each* one and *every* one for himself. In doing which, and the conclusion being made, in sincerity of heart,—*rightly* to know the infallible record of the Truth, *as it is written*,—He cannot do better than have for *Assistance* a good and copious *Concordance*,—such as Cruden’s or Butterworth’s, which would lead and direct

him to one or other Scripture truth, in order to explain *and* interpret that of Another. Having thus made his election, and chosen this safe Guide for his direction and governance ; He may, or will soon find the necessity of discarding and rejecting—with contempt—the spurious, the troublous, the irksome, and conflicting irrelevancy of the voluminous pretensions of assumed Expositors; *or*, of the explainers away of *Textual Authorities*, as One learned Brother has pronounced respecting that of Another.

And in regard to which various and divers modes of Sectarian expositions, Sceptics, may well complain of doubt and difficulty to know what, or which to adopt as the Standard of the Truth. And to which *diversity* of interpretations may be attributed much of the existing Scepticism that is in the World ; or at least of an *expressed*, and indeed very apparently, a *great cause* of its subsisting among Men.

Yet, even a Sceptic that fancies himself sincere in heart *to know* the truth and *where* it is to be found ;—need not complain if he has the Book in hand, and the *verity* of the Scripture *open* and before him. For if, being bent and determined to probe and to prove its written Testimonies ; and not suffering himself to be diverted therefrom, by *any* wavering or speculative Theorist, *for explication* ;—but who will consequently be discovered a beguiling and treacherous Expounder :—He will *therefore* more zealously and ardently search and apply to the Dictionary of a Cruden, as a sure

and the safest means, and a Guide which will never lead him wrong,—*in acquiring the Collective truths and principles*, which he may want and wish—to *form* an Assured conviction ; and a firm and confident Persuasion of the everlasting Truths of the Gospel.

Yet, leaving Sceptics and Unbelievers to reject at their peril, or, to accept the *revealed* Truths:—What is to be thought and decided upon respecting, Biblical Students, which have so recently and so notoriously committed themselves in the matter, and on especial points of Scriptural attestation.

Who could have imagined that so eminent, so conspicuous, and so *professed* a practical Teacher of Christianity as the Rev. Mr. M'Neile, Incumbent of St. Jude's Church, Liverpool ; should have been carried away by the Clamorous hubbub of the Day, and spurred on by the glaring Enthusiasm, as to Preach on the 2nd Aug. 1846, and to publish a Sermon, entitled,

“ EVERY EYE SHALL SEE HIM : ”

OR,

PRINCE ALBERT'S VISIT TO LIVERPOOL, USED IN ILLUSTRATION OF THE  
SECOND COMING OF CHRIST.

The subject naturally excites animation, and unquestionably stirs up the mind of *those* who consider *what* the Scriptures say and affirm ; and which must stimulate the zealous Believers, to search for *Evidences* of the expected, the awful, and momentous Coming of the Redeemer of Mankind.

And *whether* the Rev. Author and Preacher, has not gone beyond and out of his depth, and entirely mistook the nature of The Coming; and forasmuch as there *are* two sort and very distinct kinds: And of which it seems, had He made application, *or* were he to have recourse to his Scriptural Concordance,—Cruden's or Another,—*either* would at once direct him to what, The Spirit says; and what *it* declares, *must therefore* have fulfilment.

St. John the Evangelist *proclaims* from the lips of his Saviour, that,—“The Prince of this World cometh, and hath *nothing* in me.” And of the people, The beloved of God and the Prophet of the latter days, testifies,—“*The People*, of the Prince that shall come, *shall destroy* the City and the Sanctuary; and the end thereof *shall be* with a flood.”—But the New Jerusalem City, shall be built again to the Messiah of God.

For, after the antecedent coming of the Prince of this World;—(and though waiving the immediate testimony of the Apostle in the 2nd chapter of the 2nd of Thessalonians,) which however must and will eventually come to pass—yet, the Coming ADVENT of Him, *who* is the Prince *of the Kings* of the Earth; is expressly described and delineated: and *also* his final DESCENT, —*after* revolving years of his Personal and Manhood reign *by* his Substitute. And to whom, *his* Elect and Delegate, *devolves* the right to sit with Him “on the Throne of David; with increase of *his* Government and Peace, to order it, and to establish it with

Judgment and with Justice from *henceforth* even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of Hosts will perform this."

Most apprehensively and apparently by a signal Manifestation of his Power, *at* the Commencement of the promised Reign ; and *during* the Universal Sovereignty of his Beloved Son for the appointed and specified Millennial period. And on which Throne of Righteousness ; He, the anointed of God, hath also *promised* shall together be *shared* by him *that* shall Overcome. (*Rev.* iii. 21.) And which is affirmed, according to the holy inspirations and heavenly Revelations of the Divine St. John, and which he testifies and records, as,—

"The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto His servants things which *must shortly* come to pass ; and He sent and signified *it* by his ANGEL unto his servant John."

And it is most worthy of especial and precise remark, that, *This* Revelation proceeds and comes *from* the Father, and *from* Jesus Christ *when* in His Glorified state *with* the Almighty Father. And the Divine Evangelist declares and says,—“He bare record of the Word of God, and of *the testimony* of Jesus Christ, *and* of all things that he saw. Blessed is he that readeth, and They that *hear* the words of *this* Prophecy, and *keep* those things which *are* written therein : for the time *is* at hand.”

Furthermore the Divine and heavenly Prophet thus writes,—“John to the seven Churches which are

in Asia: Grace *be* unto You, and Peace, from Him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and *from* the SEVEN SPIRITS which are before his Throne; And *from* Jesus Christ, *who is* the faithful WITNESS, *and* the first begotten of the dead, *and* the Prince of the Kings of the Earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our Sins *in his own Blood*, And *hath made Us*, Kings and Priests unto God and his Father; to him *be* glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every Eye shall see Him: *and* all Kindreds of the earth *shall wail*, because of him. Even so, Amen."

Is not the above, *firstly*, in proof, and the very reverse of the reported Visit to Liverpool? And moreover the exact, and the *Scriptural illustration* of both Comings?!

Immediately, as it were, after the publication of the Sermon by the Rev. Incumbent of St. Jude's, Liverpool; succeeds a Publication of Sermons by the Rev. Incumbent of St. Mary's, as Preached in the Parish Church, Cheltenham, on the similar subject—The Second Advent, or the Coming of Christ, entitled,

" THE CATHOLIC DOCTRINE  
OF  
THE SECOND ADVENT."

This latter Issue is presented to the Public in a series of *four* Sermons, professedly assigned for elucidation and explanation. In the first place however,

should be considered *and* duly estimated the very term, and title, and meaning of the Phrase,—*The Second Advent*: and if it does not primarily *and* verily imply,—The Coming *reign* of the Kingdom and Sovereignty of the Saviour God *on Earth*, as promised to Him; and to Rule *according* to the *Precepts and Principles*, which the Father gave Him; and which he delivered to his Disciples; and which *Unitedly they established*. Moreover, he taught Those his Disciples to seek, of the Father, and to petition Him that, He would hasten his Kingdom and his immediate, precise, and benevolent Rule and Government in the earth; and, at their request He instructed them, to Pray unto the Father—"Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in Earth, as *it is* in Heaven."

But how can Sectarians, and especially, Protestants; *striving* to blink and reject the promised *Millennium*; how can they, *on reflection*, make use of and repeat this—The Lord's Prayer: acknowledging and professing as they do, *that* the Earthly and State devised Church, *is*, their Kingdom come? Already *come*! as recognised and affirmed by 39 Articles of their combined Church and State formation,—*their self-constructed principles*, which they *enforce*: and for which it is seen, *they* strain Heaven, Earth, and Hell itself to maintain and support. In proof whereof, (and again as testified) *are* the 3rd Article, and the 37th and 39th Articles also, perversely standing in open opposition, if not of positive *denial* of the plainest

words of God, and the Saviour of Man; and in rejection of the commands and ordinances and the express *Institutions* of the Divine Lawgiver. And to such excess is the *Initiatory*, though denounced, Spirit of evil of the 39th Article inculcated, and instilled into the hearts and minds of the People, that, they *are* rashly led,—*against the Light* of the Spirit of God and his Gospel,—and cruelly taught to believe, *the evil is*, —their good.

“ Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and *light* for darkness! Which justify the wicked *for* reward, *and* take away the righteousness of the righteous from him!— Their *root* shall be *as rottenness*, and their *blossom* shall go up *as dust*: *because* they have *cast away* the law of the Lord of Hosts, and *despised the Word* of the Holy One of Israel.”—Isa. v.

The time it appears and the crisis is at hand, when the Franchise-Oath-Spirit-of-evil, shall go forth, —“ *As a flying Roll* :” which is, evidently, “ *The Curse* that goeth forth *over* the face of the whole Earth : *for* every one that *stealeth* shall be cut off *as* on this side according to it; and every one that *swareth* shall be cut off *as* on that side according to it.”=

“ *I will bring it forth, saith the Lord of Hosts.*” *Zech. v.*

And which Prophecy it appears, will serve and be, *as* a simplified *Test*, to try *every Priest, Peasant,*



and Person whomsoever, and howsoever concerned ;—  
*Whether*, He is a priest, and a servant of the Kingdom of the Beast and his Image ! *or* of God and the Kingdom of Heaven ? No Man can serve *both*, God and Mammon.

Yet such is the Infatuation now at work, according to what We have recently read of a great Meeting in the Great City of Babylonish confusion, *that*,—Their desire *is*, to Petition for Parliamentary countenance of their Worldly and Mammon Principles.

*That* the Elective Franchise *as* the Character, and, as being the National spirit ! may be embodied in a general Act of Parliament, *as*, The People's Charter !! —*That* every qualified Adult *may* become a recognised Worshipper, and registered Slave of some *or* other Political Party-power, to sustain and prop up their Idol ! The Mammon Constitution !!! Nevertheless let them all, *even* every one know,—HE that is Almighty hath decreed, and forewarned all Mankind,—*that*, He hath prepared his weapon of destruction ; and that, though as it were, *They make themselves innumerable*, *as* the sand of the Sea *against* the ordinances by his Spirit ; and of *simplified* Truth-speaking between Men :—

Without gainsaying, *eventually*, his Fire of jealous wrath and vengeance is appointed to “ come down out of Heaven,” which shall devour all the Apostate and Rebellious against *his* holy and heavenly Law. *Rev. xx.*

That the Church is involved in the delusive confederacy and degrading subserviency, is seen, by every Passer by of a Parish Church ; *where* especially, the Doors are Plastered over, with the notification of matters of mere worldly concerns ; *more* appropriate for announcement at the Doors of a Guildhall or Magisterial Court, and *where alone they are referable* for estimation and decision.

Were the Church a Temple of worship of the True God, *even* the jealousy of Man would discover, and find such things would be *insufferable*. However, appearing where they do, They serve *as* an Engine of State command, *and* a Vehicle of Parliamentary power and dictation : and even *as* an Index of the interior doctrine, which Incumbents are bound at their Peril to observe, and to adhere to, and to Preach ! The most prominent of worldly service on Church-Doors *is*, that of the promulgation of Lists, and also of Books of the Names of the supporters of the Human, the Earthly, and *the dominant Power of Parliament* ;—which wills, and appoints, and *frames the Church* :—Our Church, as Protestants persist in having, and will have it, and with continual efforts maintain it, as,—“ *Our Church*.”

Such is the pertinacity now set forth in a Publication denominated, The Second Advent, by the Rev. Incumbent of the Parish Church of Cheltenham. And in order to show and stoutly to maintain, that, The Protestant Church !—*is* The Christian Church !!

Nevertheless it is found on Perusal of the Sermons

that the Author absolutely betrays a Denial of the testimony of the Apostles of the New Testament; as well as attempts to Abrogate and make void the Prophecies of the Prophets of the Old Testament.

And moreover what is most lamentable,—He excludes, expunges, and as far as in him lays,—*seeks* to render nugatory *that* best of the gifts of Heaven, *since* the Christ of God left the Earth: and which inestimable Gift came down out of Heaven from Him, in his state of Glorification with the Father; and which Blessing, *in unison* with the Holy Ghost and the Seven Spirits, *was* given to the Angel of God *to communicate* to the Evangelist,—the Beloved above all of the Disciples of Jesus Christ.

Again then comes, The imperative question,—*If* the Protestant Church and Priesthood *reject, and seek* to despise the revealed Millennial and heavenly Kingdom on Earth, *as* recorded by the Divine!—under what pretence can they presume to use, and accustom Themselves and Others to repeat, the Prayer of the Son of God, which he taught *his* Disciples to pray unto the Father *that*,—"His Kingdom may come?"

All Mankind, as it were, *Know* that the Almighty Father, and God of the Universe *dwelleth* in the High and Holy Place, and that Heaven *is* his Throne: And by his PROPHETS he hath made known, that "He ruleth in the Kingdom of Men, and giveth *it* to whomsoever he will."

Although the Apocalypse was not given till the latter-day time of St. John the Divine: it is nevertheless undeniably evident, *that*,—The Apostles expected a *renovated Kingdom on Earth*, and which is seen, *by* Their asking their great Head and Lord,—“Wilt thou at this time *restore* again the Kingdom to Israel ?

And he said unto them, It is not for you to know *the times or the seasons* which the Father *hath* put in his own power.” Thus verifying the affirmation he had before given to his Faithful Disciples,—“Of that day and *that* hour *knoweth* no man, No, not the Angels which are in Heaven, neither the Son, *but* the Father.”

Yet, He confidently assured *them* that—when they should “*see those signs and things*,” as foretold,—“*Begin to come to pass*—Know ye that The Kingdom of God is nigh at hand. VERILY I say unto You, *This Generation* shall *not* pass away ; till *all* be fulfilled.” St. Luke xxi.—So likewise, say the preceding Apostles St. Matt. xxiv. and St. Mark xiii.

Aloof then to all the raging and modern Prognosticators ; *for*, The Lord Christ is a God of Truth ! Before *whom* all their Prognostications of prolonged Years, and lengthened Periods of Bookish Authorities, shall *sink* into contempt : and to *their* dismay and confusion, *as* False Prophets for ever.

With a view of adverting to the abounding Discrepancies respecting Scriptural authorities which appear in the Book, *called* The Second Advent, (and as they are so strangely intermixed,) it seems somewhat

difficult to fix on a commencing point of Analysis or commentary. But, as the important Subject of the TWO RESURRECTIONS is the most material, it seems best to select that, and take up by quotation from page 40, as it is there and thus written:—

“The celebrated Prophecy of Daniel upon this subject appears to have been present in our Lord’s mind, when he discoursed of the Resurrection. “And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.” (Dan. xii. 2.) ‘It is believed that these words may be more accurately rendered, “the many,”—or *the “multitude of them that sleep,”*—that is, all the dead without exception—shall awake.’ (!!)

It is most astounding to perceive the Attempt of straining and rendering the words to a forced and perverted misconstruction, that is here aimed at and intended: And for what? *definitely*, to support the Dogmas of a Self-invented, Fabricated and Bigoted Church-human-System and Establishment! Otherwise, and were it not so, How could it be that so erudite a Professor and voluminous a Writer should be found to dispute the clear Exposition and testimony, which the Prophet gives *and* interprets of his own words?

At the commencement of this Twelfth chapter and introduction of THE PROPHECY, Daniel *proclaims* it shall come to pass *at* the time of *great trouble*; and

of which time,—the Signs,—and Visitations of judgment, *such as are now prevalent* in the Earth ; appear to indicate *the event* as being close at hand. And, because through dereliction, apostacy, and forsaking the True God ; and not hearkening to his *Voice* by the former Prophet, saying,—“ Repent, and turn *yourselves* from your Idols ; and turn *away* your Faces from all your abominations.”=

But, “ Man setting up his *idols* in his heart ; and *when* saith the Lord, the Land sinneth against me by trespassing grievously,—*Then* will I stretch out mine hand upon it, and will *break* the Staff of the bread thereof, and will send famine upon it, *and* will cut off man and beast from it :—*when* I send my *Four sore judgments* upon Jerusalem—The sword, and the famine, and the noisome beast, and the pestilence, to cut off from it man and beast ? Yet, behold, *therein shall be left* a remnant that shall be brought forth, *both* Sons and Daughters.” *Ezek. xiv.*

And reciprocally, saith Daniel, the next enlightened Prophet,—“ There shall be A TIME of trouble, such as never was since there was A NATION, *even* to that sametime:—At that time shall *Michael* stand up,”—and which before had been revealed to him, (ch. x,)—as Michael, *the Man* that *alone* held with him,—“ The great Prince which standeth up for the Children of thy People : and at that time *thy people shall be delivered*, Every one *that* shall be found *written* in the Book. And many of them that sleep in the dust of the

Earth shall awake, *Some* to everlasting life, and *Some* to shame *and* everlasting contempt. And they that be wise shall Shine as the brightness of the firmament ; and THEY that turn Many to *Righteousness* as the Stars for ever and ever."

Surely here is all-sufficient and self-evident proof of the meaning, and of the *interpretation* by the Beloved Prophet, that,—“ *When* Michael the Prince standeth up,”—it was made known to him ; *and* he was assured, that *his People*, or the Faithful should be *delivered* :—NOT taken up, ‘*as alleged*,’ and carried away as though it was *then* the day of final Retribution ; but, that his People, the Faithful,—“every one that should be found written in the Book,” should *remain* Participators on the earth, and Inheritors of the Blessings of the promised Kingdom ; and which he further corroborates and affirms,—*and lastly so*, by saying,—“ Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the Thousand three Hundred and Five and Thirty *days*.”

And beside if it were not so, it would contravene and stand in violation of what He has before *averred* that he saw, and declared that,—in answer to *One* that enquired,—“How long *shall it be* to the end of these Wonders ?

*And I heard* the Man clothed in Linen, which *was* upon the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and sware by him that liveth for ever that *it shall be* for a time, times, and an half ; and when He shall have accom-

plished to scatter the Power of the Holy People, all these *things* shall be finished.

Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the Wicked shall do wickedly: and *None* of the wicked shall understand; but the Wise shall understand."

And when the Prophet speaks of the Resurrection revealed to him, and testifies that,—*At* that time of *Resuscitation* of many *that* sleep in the dust of the earth,—" *Many* shall awake."—He construes and explains *that Number* to mean,—"*Some* to everlasting Life, and *some* to everlasting Contempt."

It is grievous to read the laboured attempt and the strenuous efforts that are made to bend and force this expressive and precisely *limited* Resurrection;—to imply and mean the *ultimate* Resurrection, *when*,—*All shall awake*: and together with the *then* Living, *all* shall receive their SENTENCE of retributive Award, according to their Works.

And which righteous and final Judgment is recorded in St. Matthew's Gospel, chapter xxv. *that*,—"When the *Son of Man* shall come in his Glory, and all the Holy Angels with him, *then* shall he sit upon the Throne of his glory: And before him shall be *gathered* All Nations: and he shall separate Them, one from another, as a Shepherd divideth his Sheep from the Goats." And, "The King,"—*apprehensively*,—his Spiritual Depute and Personal Representative, *as promised*, to sit with Him, *on* his Throne; *even* as, *He* is set down, *on* his Father's Throne.—



“Then shall *The King* say unto Them on his right hand ; COME ye blessed of my Father, *inherit* the Kingdom prepared for you from the Foundation of the World.—Then shall he say *also* unto Them on his left hand ; DEPART from me, ye cursed, into everlasting Fire, prepared for the Devil and his Angels :—*These* shall go away into everlasting *punishment* : but the Righteous into *Life eternal*.”

This awful scene, and momentous time of just and meritorious Reward of all Mankind, *is appointed* to come to pass, and *conclusively* to take place, *at* the final and glorious Descent from Heaven ; And *not* at his Godly Advent, and appointed REGENCY, or Personal coming *to reign* by his Delegate on the Earth : and which *must have* prior accomplishment.

It appears most strange if not wonderful that, The Scientific among Men ; and especially Those who profess being taught of the Scriptures, should not be able to Discern the great distinction between the gracious Advent to rule ; and the consummatory and closing Judgment Day at the Descent.—When Christ *then* cometh to Judge the World, and righteously to adjudicate for all Mankind—Not as *some* (or Churchmen) are apt to imply, as the Son of Man ; but *then*, according to the Gospel and the Scriptures,—*as*, THE SON OF GOD ! In the splendour of His own Immortal Person, and in the ineffable Likeness of his Eternal Father.

The Scripturally defined Advent and Personal Coming to Reign on the Earth, is particularly and *distinctly* described by the Prophet Zechariah; and, that it is fixed, and shall be *by an Elect*, and a chosen One; *even* by Him, who is,—“THE BRANCH;”—of whom it is Prophesied and Testified, *that*,—“HE shall build the Temple of the LORD;” (the Spiritual Temple), And He shall bear the Glory, and be a PRIEST upon his Throne: and *The Counsel of Peace*, shall be between *Them* both.—Zec. v.

Thus, it is decreed that, The Branch, shall be the *Personal* Representative of Christ himself; *even* as HE was *in* the earth,—*The Personality* of the Divine Father: and like as *was* Moses before Him, appointed to be, AS GOD! and especially so, *even* to Aaron his *Brother*, although he was, The Anointed High Priest of the Lord. Exodus iv. 16.

Yet many Protestants stir themselves up, and stimulate One another, under cover of *their created Orthodoxy*, to resist the revealed Advent as Testamentarily Prophesied; and the Glorious Coming of the Millennial *Reign*,—according to the *Divine Precepts* of the Gospel; and on the Throne of David, *so* to Rule: *even* as David did, *after* the Commandments of the Most High, *and* according to the Law of his God, *which* he LOVED.

But as the Learned of the World, push away and thrust from them, the Kingdom of Christ, and the

Words of his express *Sovereignty* in the Earth, *during* a Millennium :—it is most fitting and just that *They*, should be cut off and deprived of Participation thereof; Nay, they exclude and expel themselves of Inheritance, *by Unbelief*. And therefore the Millenary period, will at least be *to them*;—Like as of Old was The Forty Years, *appointed* to take away and cut off the Ungrateful, and the hardened *Unbelievers*; so that *not One* of that Generation, was allowed to enter the Proffered and Fruitful Land, and bountiful Territory :—*Save* and except the Two Faithful Reporters, Caleb and Joshua; who were sent out by Moses to *Espy* the Country; and who *also* brought of the excellent Fruit;—“Pomegranates and Figs, and *bare* between Two on a Staff,—*a Branch of One Cluster of Grapes*,” for Sample and for their Encouragement.—Num. xii. 23.

Nevertheless they murmured, and worked themselves up to Cowardice and Disparagement; so that, *indignantly*, They were altogether *doomed* to expulsion: and Forty Years were determined and appointed to take them all away;—excepting *only* Those, from under Twenty years old, which should remain of the Faithless, Perverse, and Outcast Generation.—Num. xiv. 26—38.

By an American and Millenerian Writer, 1843, of the Chronology of the Bible, and Completion of nearly Six Thousand Years of the World: *are* also enumerated and pointed out The Historical Occurrences in the Bible, *of Forty Years*, having been *Ten*

*times over*, a Critical time and period. It may therefore, not be thought Unimportant, and especially not Unworthy of remark by Students and *Believers* of the Prophecies, *that*, FORTY YEARS are now on the eve of expiring; since the date in 1807, of the Spirit of Antichrist, or RETALIATION being *avowed*, As, the very essence of the Legislative spirit and principle of the British Constitution: *and* which was justified and openly set up, for Doctrine and practice.

Plausible howsoever as the principle may seem, yet is it, in opposition to Christian and *Gospel truth*; —and therefore *destructive* of a Man's peace; and stands in violation of the inspired and Apostolic maxim—"See that None render Evil for Evil unto *any Man*." And saith the same *truthful* Apostle as recorded, *and* written to the Romans—

"Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of *his*."—Consequently, no Man is Christ's; but Him, who has His spirit of Peace.

Render to Cæsar tribute, and custom, and the things which are Cæsar's; and unto God the things which are God's:"—*is*, the command and the *ordinance* of the Saviour of man; which He *set*, and submitted to for *example*; and for practice of Those, that, should hearken unto and follow Him.

And furthermore, as touching the recorded Thousand Years, even as *one Day* with God, *and* the Sabbath day of the blessing of the Millennial reign and Kingdom, according to God's words and promise:—

*Unbelievers*, forfeit and lose Possession thereof; and *wilfully* Choose to give *their* estimation and preference to the Church of the Commandments of Men; although! pronounced *Vain* and *Worthless*:—and though *fore-told* that *It*,—"Shall be likened unto a foolish Man, which built his House upon the Sand; And the Rain descended, and the Floods came, and the Winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and *great* was the Fall of it."—Matt. vii. 26, 27.

Notwithstanding all such warning, Mankind still persist in making their opposing, offending, transgressing, and *Self-constituted Articled Church* their stay and their strength: and which it appears They will do,—*until*,—God himself in His jealousy and indignation shall *Arise*; and shall *then* make *It*, the Footstool of that better Church and Kingdom, which He has promised; and of which Kingdom and Church, it appears, that Christ himself has *indubitably* testified, and *efficaciously* compared unto the Church of *Thyatira*, and her Jezebel City;—"which calleth *Herself* a Prophetess, to teach and seduce my Servants to commit fornication, and to *eat things sacrificed unto Idols*."—As witness her *Feasts* and Celebrations to her Saintly Tutelaries, and Commercial Enthusiasts?—"And I gave her space to *repent* of her Fornication; and *she* repented not." Unquestionably *not* of her implied Spiritual fornication.—"And I will *kill* her Children with Death:—and I will *give* unto every One of you according to your works." But,=

“He that *overcometh, and keepeth* my Works unto the End, *to Him* will I give *power* over the Nations : and *He shall rule them* with a rod of Iron ; as the Vessels of a Potter *shall They be broken to shivers* : even *as* I received of my Father. And I will give *Him* the MORNING STAR. He that *hath* an ear, let him *Hear what the Spirit saith* unto the Churches.”  
Rev. ii. 18—29.

Nevertheless and notwithstanding, Protestants strive and say, at least does the Rev. Incumbent of Cheltenham, in his Publication, 1846, of *The Second Advent—OUR CHURCH*, according to its Prayer Book Authorities, acknowledges not, or knows nothing of a Millenary Kingdom ;—and His words for proof are thus,—

“In vain *do We search* through Articles, Liturgy, Homilies, or Canons, for such *a word*, or *such an Idea* as a *Millennium* ! An earthly, temporal, finite reign of Christ in a renovated world, (!) is a visionary theory which no where finds countenance in the sober and scriptural writings of our Church. (!! ) But not *only* so. There is much, very much *positively* written in *our* Prayer Books, which it is *impossible* to reconcile with the Millenarian Theory, except by such ingenious and laboured argumentation, as can scarcely commend itself to candid minds.”

To all this boastful Research, and in the first place it may Duly be answered that, the most fitting and just Reply is found, *as written* and recorded by the

Divine St. John, *affirming*,—"I saw a *New Heaven and a New Earth*:"—and he further adds the Words of Christ himself, *that* he heard, and *avers* that,=

"HE that sat upon the Throne *said*,—BEHOLD, I make *all things new*. And he said unto me, WRITE ; for these words *are* true and faithful." Rev. xxi.

But as to what is affirmed in The Second Advent, and respecting that which, as alleged, *is positively* written in 'Our Prayer Book,' it appears that,—*Like* the exclusive period of Forty Years to the Obdurate,—It is ordained and *indignantly* allowed that Such,—*Their* chosen Doctrines and Principles *shall be* for the portion and reward of *Those* that persist therein—In opposition to, and in rejection of, Christ's Millenary Church and Kingdom.

Yet wherefore, and what need have you, or, Why do you mutter and murmur, and cast contumely and reproach against Those who *do* Believe in the *recorded and written Testimony* of the Revelation of the God of Heaven?! Evidently none hath warned or taught you of that Holy record. Are you not left undisturbed of your Heart and Soul's choice?—

And therefore, of being *governed* by your Articles, your Liturgy, your Collects, your Burial service, and your Te Deum: *and* every Scientific stratagem of Human composition?!

By your *Articles* you have HELL, for Paradise—the substitution of OATHS, *instead* of Christian and Gospel Truth—and the SWORD OF MAN, *in lieu* of the Sword of the Spirit of Christ and God.—

“No Man can serve *two* Masters : for either he will *hate* the One, and *love* the Other ; or else he will *hold* to the one, and *despise* the other. YE cannot serve God and Mammon.” St. Matt. vi. 24.

Although, and yet after *despising* the disposition of the Candid and the Open mindedness and *profession* of Those, who look *beyond*, and *not* to the Common Prayer Book *for their Belief* of the *Scriptures*, and the First Resurrection ! And, without adverting to the *evidence*, or proceeding to the ultimate and *confirmatory* Book of the Revelations for Witness—*There is*, for the Questioners and Disputants, a prior AUTHORITY for Faith, for confidence, and trust ; And which Voucher and Testimony, it may credibly be supposed the Rev. Author himself presumes not to deny ; As it comes from the lips of Him, who hath said,—

“I am THE RESURRECTION, and the LIFE: he that Believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live ; And *whosoever liveth and believeth in Me* shall *never* die. Believest thou this ?” St John xi. 25, 26.

And saith the same Evangelist, and Divine St. John, in his Heavenly Revelations and Testimony, and in the very Words of JESUS himself—

“If any Man shall *take away* from the Words of the Book of *this Prophecy*, God shall take away *his part* out of the Book of Life, and *from* the things *which are written* in this Book.”!!

Which is enough to startle every sensitive Heart,



and make every Soul of Man *tremble*, lest he should be found in Detracting and *Taking away any thing from the Prophecy*. Nevertheless it appears in Page 12, of the Second Advent, *that*, The Author ventures to reject the recorded PRESCIENCE, and to deny the express words of inspiration, according to the Divine Prophet, respecting,—‘The loosing and restoration of Satan’s powers, after a season.’ (!) Although it stands indelibly and infallibly written, *as part* of the same Prophecy which *must* altogether have fulfilment.

Yet the Author advocates in Page 13, and says,—  
‘Opposed to this is the general view of the Church.’

Therefore it seems that *The Church is*, in that awful predicament and Responsible state, as recorded by the Divine Evangelist, and *proclaimed* in the conclusive Verses, 18, 19, of his Godly Revelations. !!! Ch. xxii.

But the Rev. Author of the so called Second Advent, goes back to the Protestant Common Prayer Book of Circumlocution, and Man’s invention ; for the purpose of supporting his Hypothesis, or the cribbed and contracted Dogma of his Church : and in Page 26, gives an extract from the Te Deum—“We believe that thou shalt COME to be our JUDGE.” And which howsoever *most true* in itself ; nevertheless the attempted explanation *that*, These words signify and *are* to be interpreted—“*Where, the Second coming and the Judgment are identified.*”—

Which allusion *is*, not only *here*, but throughout the Book *is forced*, to Imply and signify that,—The

immediate second Advent day, and the Day of Judgment *are* one and the same ! But, which *assertion is*, without license, without authority, and without Book ; and is not only perversion and confusion, but altogether *Anti-scriptural*. And insomuch as the Scriptures continually announce *a Time*, and *Substantiate* a long intervening *space*, even for Christ himself *to subdue* all his Enemies,—*by Personal Representation and Reign* ;—though Invisible, *or not to be profitably understood*, by the Unbelieving Many.

And moreover his Associates,—the APOSTLES are appointed and promised *that*, THEY shall sit on *twelve* Thrones, *judging* the Twelve TRIBES of Israel, which are *under* Heaven ; and not *in* Heaven, but *on* the Earth. Matthew xix. 28.—Luke xxii. 29, 30.

And this *is* to take place and be fulfilled, *Before* the reserved SENTENCE DAY !—*but at* the Glorious, Universal, and Godly Descent ;—*then to award and doom* all Mankind, *righteously*, according to their Deserts.

But, says the Rev. Incumbent of *St. Mary's*—  
 “It is not a Temporal earthly Kingdom after which *We aspire*, but that very Kingdom wherein he now reigns with the Father and the Holy Ghost ; the glorious and eternal Kingdom which he has purchased with his own blood ; and that this *is* the Kingdom, and the *only One* which *the Church* bids us expect at the glorious personal coming of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.”

So that here *is*, a complete exclusion, setting aside and renouncing of *his*,—Jesus Christ's primogenial, dignified and exalted *reign* in his *purchased Kingdom of Paradise*, and Millennium on the Earth !

*After* which Rule and Government in Eden restored; *the Scriptures testify*, He shall *deliver up* The Kingdom unto the Father that appointed and gave it unto him; *that then*, the Father might be "All in All"—and "God over all, Blessed for ever and ever." !

Yet, says the Rev. Author of the second Advent, "The Christian Church has never sanctioned it."—*The Millennium* !—Why ? it is, The *transcendent*, the *assured*, and the *best hope* of the believing and redeemed Christian. !!

The Query rather is ;—Whether, and *if* the Protestant Church is a Christian Church !—*that* Church as pronounced,—"*Where* two or three are gathered together in my Name, *there* am I in the midst of *Them*." Matt. xviii. 20.

And which Testimony he *verified*, by his Appearance in His purchased Paradisiacal Kingdom, and Foretaste thereof, in Conversation with *Two* of his Disciples as they Journeyed ; and afterwards to the *Eleven* as they sat at Meat. But we read of no Visitation or appearance in his Transformed and Glorified state, to any heterogeneous Assemblage of Men *in any* Temple or Church of their Formation and Building.

The Protestant Church Members, it appears—work themselves up under their Articled, their Mammon, and State made church ; and as far as such Authority goes, *serves* indeed to prove, *as alleged*, That, *their* Church is,—*not Identified* with the promised Kingdom of God in the earth.

Nevertheless that every Church Member *is not* in mind and sentiment agreed and united ; is seen by the admirable *and* honest Protest, and the *published* Pamphlet of 1839, by another Reverend,—The Rector of Feniton, Devon, and addressed to his imperious, Lordly, and dictatorial Bishop—The Bishop of Exeter, To whom he says in Page 15,—

“ A Protestant Bishop, one would suppose, would *open the Bible*, and say to his Clergy,—‘ I require you to Preach *these* doctrines, because they *are* in *this* Holy Book ;’—but your *Lordship* OPENS the Prayer Book, (!) and you say to your Clergy ;—‘ *These* are the Doctrines to which you have *subscribed* : Preach against them at your peril. !!’ ”

And not bowing down to the like Degrading and abject Servility to the Articles, and Time-serving Mammon Servitude with himself ;—The Bishop *persecuted, prosecuted*, and even *turned* the Rector and his family out of the Living and Rectory—proving thereby that the Protestant is a mere Earthly, and *dominant* Parliamentary-Law-Church.

The excellent Protest of the Rev. H. Erskine Head, M.A. Rector of Feniton proceeds—“ We the

Clergy, *are* justified in Preaching against Error, even though that *error* be found *in* the Prayer Book itself. *I have denied* a Bishop's *right* to glorify a Scarlet coloured Throne *at* the expense of the Gospel; *and* to push away the *Doctrines* of the Bible, to make room for the *doctrines* of Men."

Let therefore every Believer in God's word; and especially in that His last and blessed Book of Revelations *directly* from Heaven: and as being the essence and spirit,—the Vitality and the Substance *of all* the Old and New Testamentary Prophecies and Promises, *summarily* and essentially combined.—

Consequently and Circumspectly, let no Unbelieving Priest, or Person whatsoever;—Protestant or Papist—Bishop or Archbishop, be suffered to beguile and rob of him of that which *neither* can give or restore; even *his* most precious Faith, which is *the gift of God*; and which is, *verily*,—his Assurance and confidence in the *predicted*, and the Glorious MILLENNIUM—The Omnipotent and promised Reign of his Saviour God in the Earth, and *over* the whole World, for that entire *and* appointed period.

Rather than the Believer should suffer any Person by Insinuation or Sophistry *to beguile*, or even *shake* his best confidence and trust in the Millenary Reign and Kingdom of his Redeemer! Let Him regard such a One *as* his great Enemy, and *as laying* in wait to *betray* his Soul's Peace and Well-being with his God!

Were the doctrinal Principles and *Precepts* of the

Sermon on the Mount, and in which *are* the Essentials of the whole System of Christianity,—*as* contained in the 5th, 6th, and 7th chapters of St. Matthew's Gospel: And were they brought before the Eye *at once* into comparison and *test* with the Doctrines of the Common Prayer Book, and particularly of the 39 Articles, with the entire Sermon;—And, were the Articles and Sermon *Printed and placed in Juxtaposition*, (and which it is hoped and intended that ere long They shall be so published,) it will then Easily and Readily be seen that, *They* cannot possibly unite, or stand together, *at the Second Advent*, and *forthcoming* Reign of Christ in his Kingdom on the Earth.

The Rev. Author of Church Architecture in 1844, *then wrote*, apparently, in the spirit of the Scriptures,—of the Prophets and Apostles, and avered on such Authority that—“The Most High Dwelleth *not* in Temples made with Hands”! Which doctrine and *asseveration* of the *Scriptural truth*, is still left on record in his Book.

But yet, and notwithstanding, such profession and affirmation of the Scriptures; it is amazing to read the Extraordinary *difference*, and contrariety of mind and principle which Evidently *pervaded and influenced* the Penning and Inditing the Treatise of the Second Advent of 1846.

For the instance of comparison and proof of the fact,—See his former Issue and Volume of Church Architecture as published in March 1844. And turn-

ing to Page 48, will be seen a Commencement of the excellent Portraiture and clear definition, which *He then gave* of the Scripture testimony, and especially of the New Testament *dispensation* :—His Averment and his Words, respecting *that Ordination* stand thus, and as *then* written =

“ When the glorious *living* Temple of CHRIST’s body was elevated from Earth to Heaven, *did* the LORD leave himself without some fitting habitation here below ? Assuredly not ! Where then did He seek a Dwelling place for himself ? Certainly *not* within the now *desecrated* walls of the Temple of Jerusalem, which as yet were standing : certainly not *in any Building* of curtains or of Stone—no more—never more has he Dwelt, or will He dwell *on* this Earth in any inanimate house of wood, or stone or Earthly materials. Having *rejected* Zion’s Temple, he will *neither* build nor inhabit any other. THE TEMPLE DISPENSATION HAS PASSED AWAY ! The religion of Ceremony and Locality has come to an End—a total *Change* has passed over the Dispensation of God’s revelation :—yet he has a Temple and a Habitation among the Children of Men, which is fully and *accurately described* in the Christian records :—THAT TEMPLE IS THE LIVING BODIES AND SOULS OF HIS REDEEMED AND SANCTIFIED PEOPLE : HIS CHURCH ! THE ONLY CHURCH OF THE NEW TESTAMENT !\*

\* The Roman Capitals are the Author’s adoption.

After this open AVOWANCE and plain Demonstration of Testamentary *and* Scriptural truth;—Surely there must appear some Anomalous and self-evident MISNOMER, in denominating—*The Temples, Churches, and Chapels*, built with Human hands,—*as being* Christian Churches? And when, SCRIPTURALLY, it is shown and proved *that*,—‘God and Christ will never—*never more*—dwell in Them!’

In corroboration with this Doctrine, *that*, “The Most High dwelleth not in Temples made with *hands*,” was Affirmed and Testified by the Apostle St. Stephen,—the first Martyr to Gospel truth; and which stands *Confirmed* with the last breath of His pure Faith, and in his zealous, and very luminous, and splendid Oration, *as* related in the *glorious Narrative* and concise *summary of Scripture History*, which *he* gave at the Call, and rendered to the Jewish High Priest, in answer to his Question,—“ARE THESE THINGS SO?”

And to which gradations and accumulations of Events, he boldly *professed* his adhesion, and bare Testimony, as recorded, ENTIRE, in the 7th Chapter of the Acts of the Apostles.

And in true Fellowship, and in perfect unison, St. Paul in teaching and speaking to the ATHENIANS, said—

“God that made the World and *all* things therein, *seeing* that he is LORD of Heaven and Earth, dwelleth *not* in Temples made with Hands.” Acts xxii.

And afterwards, *Confirmatory*, that same eminent *Convert* to Jesus, and his *especial Disciple*,—“PAUL,



an Apostle (not of Men, *neither* by man, *but* by Jesus Christ, and God the Father;")—in writing to the GALATIANS most emphatically asseverates and says,—

"There be some *that* trouble you, and would *pervert* the Gospel of Christ. But though WE, or an ANGEL from Heaven, *preach* any other Gospel unto You, than *that* which *we* have Preached unto you, let Him be *accursed*. Gal. i. 7, 8."—And immediately and in the *next verse*, the 9th, He repeats the Anathema.

To this Doctrine of the super-eminently favoured and enlightened Apostle, '*taught of Jesus Christ and God the Father*,' will every *faithful* Believer in the Prophets of the Most High, *and* of the Scriptures assent. With what pretence therefore, can it be presumed,—against *all* the DIVINITY OF HEAVEN, *that*, —THE LIVING GOD is to be found in Temples erected by Men! Or among the Dead! Whereof it is so manifestly and so frequently *testified* by his Prophets *and* Apostles that, He dwelleth not therein? But, that MAN himself is the Temple of God; *wherein*, with the CONTRITE, He *dwelleth*!

And to his DISCIPLES who saw Him and worshipped Him in his New-risen State; He said unto *them*,—

"All power is given unto Me in Heaven and in Earth.—And, lo, I am with you alway, *even* unto the end of the World. Amen." Matt. xxviii. 16—20.

And furthermore, by St. Luke,—“Behold, the Kingdom of God *is* within you.—As the Lightning, that lighteneth out of the one *part* under Heaven,

shineth unto the other *part* under Heaven ; So shall the Son of Man be in his day." Chapter xvii.

But for ascertainment *and* Confirmation thereof,—  
PERSEVERE, to read and *believe* the Words of the *infallible* Teacher ; *and* the SIGNS He has foretold and revealed, which shall *precede* The Coming of the SON OF MAN ; and *then* shall *also*, All be fulfilled. Of such kind are Those which are *now* undeniably *existing*, *conspicuously and principally* in consummation, *and* in accordance *as* they are written and recorded from the 25th Verse to the end of the 17th Chapter.

Yet, and notwithstanding the merciful *Warning* against multiplying ALTARS, and prohibition of erecting Temples, which, according to the Prophet, Hosea (the 8th),—Altars, shall be a snare and a *Sin*.—

Nevertheless, the Phrensy of Building Churches and Temples has seized upon *both* Priests and People—and like the infatuated Babylonians of old, who meditated the *raising* a Temple which should reach to Heaven!—And therefore *like as befel them*, (Genesis xi. 1—9.) there is every reason to expect *that* Mankind will *Suddenly* be confounded and scattered, and,—*Driven to desist* with shame and contempt.

Bringing up these Reminiscences of Scripture Vouchers, and *believing* the Authorities and Testimonies thereof, as before and above stated,—Surely it may well and truly be said,—The Living God dwelleth *not* in the Self-raised TEMPLES erected, and ALTARS made, and set up by the Hands of Men!—‘ The Temple Dispensation Has Passed Away !’

Notwithstanding, The Temple Dispensation has passed away, yet Men perversely strive against the Reasoning, and resist and reject, *all* the Remonstrance of God Himself,—in order to restrain, *discountenance* and forbid Them *to build* Temples to Him. And which is written and recorded, *especially*, by His great and highly favoured and enlightened Prophets, Samuel, and Isaiah. And respecting which Prohibition and Command of God, *even* to David *his* faithful servant: As is seen in the 7th Chapter of the 2nd Book of SAMUEL. And likewise, in The 1st and 2nd Verses of the 66th of ISAIAH.

In contemplation whereof, and believing These testimonies,—*Receive* the gracious exhortation, reasoning, and remonstrance of the Most High! And moreover observe, and *Imbibe* in true and perfect Faith, the excellent and beneficent Words and Promises from ABOVE, with which the Prophet concludes by saying, Thus saith the Lord,=

“For as the *New* Heavens and the *New* Earth, which I will make, shall *remain* before me, saith the Lord, *so* shall your Seed and your Name remain. And it shall come to pass, *that* from One *new* Moon to another, and from One Sabbath to Another, shall—*All Flesh* come to Worship before me, saith THE LORD.”

All which Testimony from God and his Ancient Prophets, *is* reiterated and confirmed, by the Apostles and Prophets of Jesus Christ.

Nevertheless, Man's wisdom is such, that They turn from all the Godly and Scriptural instruction *both* Old and New: and, presuming that *They* know what

is right, and best, and most acceptable ;—therefore, they Persevere and Ostentatiously build Temples, Churches, and Conventicles without number and without end.

Some, if not Many, might learn better, and find *reproof* in duly estimating the Words of the generally known Poet, and his Pharaphrase and Versification of the Universal, and Our reverential and inestimable LORD'S PRAYER. And especially *in* rightly considering and perfectly understanding the concluding verse of *his*,—the Poet's extended Interpretation, and the ubiquity of its Application ; as thus—

“ TO THEE, WHOSE TEMPLE IS ALL SPACE,  
 WHOSE ALTAR, EARTH, SEAS, SKIES !  
 ONE CHORUS LET ALL BEINGS RAISE ;  
 ALL NATURE'S INCENSE RISE ? ”

Progressively, Succeedingly, and *Continually* do we read throughout the Scriptures of *The acceptance and blessing* of short and ejaculatory Prayers, and acts of Faith *coming from the heart*. Beginning with faithful Abraham, to whom and for his sincere *act* of Faith, the Promise of God came unto him, and from The Lord, saying,

“ That in Blessing I will bless Thee, and in Multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the Stars of the Heaven, and as the Sand which *is* upon the Sea shore ; and *thy Seed* shall Possess the gate of *his* enemies ; And in thy Seed shall all the Nations of

the Earth be blessed ; BECAUSE Thou hast Obeyed my Voice." Gen. xxii. 17, 18.

Of Jacob we also read that, " He *worshipped* leaning on the top of his Staff."

Of MOSES that *he* gave from God, and *instituted* a short and abounding rich and precious, and *continuous Prayer*, for All the true and faithful Israelites of God ; and which is written, and thus recorded :—

" The LORD spake unto Moses saying,—

Speak unto Aaron and unto his Sons, saying, *On this wise*,—YE shall Bless the Children of Israel, saying unto Them,=

' The Lord bless Thee, and keep thee :

The Lord make his Face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee :

The Lord lift up his Countenance upon thee, and give thee Peace :

And *They* shall put my Name upon the Children of Israel : and *I* will bless them.' " Num. vi. 22—27.

All which most comprehensive and perfect Prayer, and genuine Aspiration !—should be continually in the Heart and Mind, and in the Soul of every Jew that is indeed One ;—*or that shall be*,—A recognised and believing Jew, *after* the Spirit of God, and in the sight of the Most High.—And not merely, after the *outward* appearance and profession of a Jew in the name and letter of the Law.

Of a Jew " more honourable than his Brethren," it appears, that *from* the inmost recess of his Heart he sought and appealed to his God ; *even that* " JABEZ"

called on the God of Israel in a concise and acceptable Prayer, saying,—

“Oh that Thou wouldest bless me indeed, and enlarge my Coast, and that Thine Hand might be with me, and that Thou wouldest *keep me from evil*, that it may not grieve me! And God *granted* him that which he requested.” 1 Chron. iv. 9, 10.

Afterwards we read of David, the beloved of God and of Israel, and of his being *anointed* with the Holy Oil and Spirit of the Highest; and, being *ordained* and made King of Israel,—“He fed them according to the *integrity* of his Heart; and Guided them by the *skilfulness* of his hands.”—RULING in the fear, yet, “*in the love of the Laws of his God.*”—And *not* after the fear of Man, or love of the Laws, and *spurious Articles* of the Commandments of Men.

But which Rule and Government after *the spirit and principle* of David, *is*, more especially and above all to be established under the Anointed Christ of God, *and* according to the PRECEPTS of His Gospel, which are appointed in their quickening influence and power to make all things NEW. For, though the Worldly framed and Political Heaven shall *vanish*; and as He hath said,—(The)—“Heaven and Earth *shall* pass away, *but* My Words shall *not* pass away.”—They are fixed and reserved,—His every Precept and Ordinance,—His every Word to stand firm and remain; and insomuch, as they *are* to CONSTITUTE the new Heaven and the new Earth; and of His Sovereign and *predominant* Reign in His *enduring* Kingdom of

Paradise and Eden *regained*. In anticipation whereof, Every One *whomsoever* that longs for the Appearance and Presence of the Saviour of Man, *and* of his God to reign and rule in the Earth;—will Rejoice in the hope of its nigh approach, and of its being Revealed; even *by* the manifest *Indications*, and the *now* prevalent and *apparent* *Circumstances* as foretold *to rely upon*, of its being near and close at hand to come: And being under the gracious SUPERINTENDENCE of the ALMIGHTY FATHER, and Everlasting God of *all* the Living, *and* of every One that shall Live.

That the Throne of David shall be set in the Earth, and Personally be represented by the *delegated* Power of Jesus Christ and Lord of all things, and of his bearing Rule and Government, and as sitting *thereon*; is faithfully declared and delineated by the Blessed of the Lord,—the graciously inspired and gloriously illumined PROPHET, David himself; whose Prophetic and concise words are written and thus recorded—

“The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit *thou* at my right hand, until I make *thine* Enemies thy footstool.”—

And the risen Christ and Lord Omnipotent with the Father, has testified and spoken to his Disciples, saying—

“All Power is given unto *me* in Heaven and in Earth.” St. Matthew xxviii. And by St. Luke that,—

“All things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses, and *in* the Prophets, and *in* the Psalms, concerning me.”

Whosoever desires a just comprehension and a true and perfect understanding of the **PSALMS** in their genuine sense and meaning, will read them with the greatest advantage as they are written, **IN THE BIBLE**; —*where* he will find that, They are generally *prefaced* with a Premise, and with the Occasion for which they were severally *compiled*: and which will render additional means for the more easy and pleasant, and *due* understanding thereof. Besides he will find abundant cause to give Preference to the Bible Authority; when compared to the divers mutilations which are found in the Version of the Common Prayer Book.

In the Bible we have more especially, without mutilation, The incomparably beautiful and super-eminent **SONG OF DAVID**, whereby he taught and guided the People—by the excellent Spirit with which he was Endowed and blessed from on High: which admirable and glorious Song is handed down to us, *entire*, in Chapter **xxii.** of the 2nd Book of the inspired Prophet, Samuel; the first Verse whereof commences and runs thus =

“And **DAVID** spake unto **THE LORD** the words of this **SONG** in the Day *that* the Lord had delivered him out of the Hand of all his Enemies, *and* out of the hand of **SAUL**.”—

Which words of joyful thankfulness, *and giving praise and glory*, is continued throughout in the Song of David, to David's God!—No Believer in the God of David, should fail to see and read; and as far as in him lies,—*Receive and Imbibe* :—



And *inclusively* with the Adorable Song, let the *four verses* of the following and Twenty third chapter be also received.—

Let them sink deep into the heart, according to the Spirit, with which they were Indited, and are thus expressed ==

“ Now these *be* the last words of David. DAVID the son of Jesse said, and the man *who was* raised up on high, the Anointed of the God of Jacob, and the sweet Psalmist of Israel, said,

‘ The Spirit of THE LORD *spake by me*, and his Word *was* in my Tongue.

The God of Israel said, the Rock of Israel *spake* to me,—HE that ruleth over men *must* be Just,—*Ruling* in the fear of God.

And *he shall be* as the Light of the Morning, *when* the SUN riseth, *even* a Morning without Clouds; *as* the tender Grass *springing* out of the Earth by CLEAR *shining* after rain.’ ” 11 Sam. xxiii. 1—4.

Although Sovereigns and Kings of the Earth, rule *not* after the Spirit of the Lord, and the Doctrine of David.—The time is at hand when *their* Governments shall be superseded and overwhelmed: and to THOSE *to whom the Promise is made*, it shall be fulfilled; *and*, THEY shall reign over The Twelve TRIBES of Israel, in the Omnipotent Spirit of THE LORD, and in the unlimited Power of his GOSPEL Laws and Truths:—and under HIM, their Guide and Governor, who has ‘ all Power given Him *in* Heaven, and *in* Earth.’

In corroboration and in unison hereof—The Lord Himself hath said by His inspired, *and* luminous, and benign Prophet, Isaiah,—

“Behold, I have raised up *one* from the North, and *he* shall come: From the rising of the Sun, shall he call upon my Name: and He shall come upon PRINCES as *upon* mortar, and *as* the Potter treadeth clay.—And I will give to JERUSALEM *One* that bringeth Good Tidings.

HE shall not fail nor be discouraged, till he have set JUDGMENT in the Earth: and the Isles shall wait for his law.—*I am THE LORD; that is my Name: and my Glory will I not give to Another, neither my praise to Graven Images.*” Isaiah xli.—xlii.

And in undeniable and resistless confirmation, saith MALACHI, the last of the Bible Prophets, and whose last *words* of his Prophecy, are—

“Behold, the Day cometh that shall *burn* as an Oven; and all the PROUD, yea, and all that *do* Wickedly, shall be *stubble*: and the Day that cometh shall *burn* them up, saith the Lord of Hosts, that it shall leave Them *neither* root or branch.

But unto You that fear my Name shall the Sun of Righteousness *arise* with *healing* in his wings.—

And YE shall *tread down* the Wicked; for *they* shall be *ashes* under the soles of your Feet in the day that I shall do *this*, saith the Lord of Hosts.

Remember YE the Law of MOSES my servant, which I commanded unto him in HOREB for *all* Israel, *with* the Statutes and Judgments.

Behold, I will send you ELIJAH the Prophet *before* The Coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD :

And *he* shall turn the Heart of the Fathers to the Children, *and* the Heart of the Children to their Fathers, *lest* I come and smite the Earth with a curse."

In continuation of the subject and efficacy of short Prayers and concise Petitions, we are instructed above all, *and finally* ; by the Teaching and Doctrine of Our Omniscient Lord and Saviour God Himself. His directions and instructions being ordained, and confined to his Elect and to his Disciples, respecting *Their* acceptable and secret Prayer to Him *which seeth* in secret, and *promiseth* to reward openly. And thus it is written—

"When thou prayest, Thou shalt not be as the Hypocrites *are* : for They love to pray standing in the Synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have *their* reward.

But thou, when Thou prayest enter into thy closet and when Thou hast shut thy door, PRAY to thy Father which is in secret ; and thy Father which *seeth* in secret shall reward Thee openly.

But when ye pray, USE *not vain repetitions*, as the heathen *do* : for they think *that* they shall be heard for their much speaking.

Be not YE therefore like unto THEM : for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, *before* ye ask him. After this manner therefore pray ye :—

‘Our Father which art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy Name.

THY KINGDOM COME. Thy will be done ~~in~~ Earth, as ~~it is~~ in Heaven.

Give us this Day our Daily bread.

And forgive us our Debts, as we forgive our Debtors.

And lead Us *not* into temptation, *but* deliver us from Evil: For thine is the Kingdom, and the Power and the Glory, for ever. Amen’?

“For if, Ye *forgive Men* their trespasses, your Heavenly Father will *also* forgive You.

But if, Ye *forgive not men* their Trespasses, *neither* will your Father *forgive* Your trespasses.” Matt. vi. 9—15.

Such is the brief and concise, yet the substance and fulness of efficacious Prayer which Our Omniscient Lord and Saviour, Jesus, taught his Disciples; and according to St. Luke, *thus* enlightened Them at their request,—*How* they should Pray *aright* and with acceptance: And confirmed His Doctrine according to St. Matthew, by further telling them, and saying unto *Them*,—

“Lay not up for Yourselves, Treasures upon Earth, *where* moth and rust doth *corrupt*; and where Thieves break through and steal:

But, *lay up* for Yourselves, TREASURES IN HEAVEN, where *neither* moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where *thieves* do not break through nor steal:

For, *where your treasure is*, THERE will your Heart be also.

The light of the Body is the Eye: if therefore, Thine Eye Be SINGLE, Thy Whole Body Shall Be Full Of LIGHT.

But *if* thine Eye BE EVIL, thy whole Body *shall be* full of DARKNESS.

No Man can serve TWO MASTERS: Ye cannot serve God *and* Mammon.—

Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?

(For after all these things do The Gentiles seek:)

Your Heavenly Father *knoweth that*, Ye have *need of All* these things.

But seek Ye *first* The Kingdom of God, and His Righteousness; and *all* these things *shall be added* unto You." Matt. vi.

The Doctrinal Principle of the Evil Eye, may especially be found to *fasten upon and refer to* The Sin of COVETOUSNESS:—and persisting therein, like unto OBSTINACY, which is *pronounced*, "*Iniquity and Idolatry.*" 1 Sam. xv. 23.—The Idol within, which most *fatally* corrupts, and preys upon the Heart. It may commonly be traced to have its beginning, *Imperceptibly*, (as it were,) and as long as its *Oppressiveness* continues, and is HARBOURED in thought and mind;—It deceives and betrays; *And* eats up and *devours* the Souls of Men:—as being *perversely*, in breach of 'The Command of God,'—

"THOU SHALT NOT COVET." Ex. xx. 17.

THE TIME of the just Judgments of God, which He has declared and appointed for the Recompense and award, BOTH of the Obedient and Disobedient; manifestly, appears but *barely* suspended, and momentarily likely to break out in *discriminative* Retribution upon all Mankind, *according* to their works.

Some of whom will learn and receive their *blessed* Reward with great Joy, and Thanksgiving, and Praise to their beneficent Lord.

Others, *and* very Many it may be feared and understood, *that*, Through *impenitence* and neglect of the *proffered* SALVATION; will experience and feel the most pungent *and* deepest lamentation and sorrow.

The Heavenly and infallible Guide hath expressly, and from His own Lips *forewarned* all Men, *whom* They should fear. Luke xii. 4, 5.

And hath further instructed, and graciously *foretold* and taught His Disciples, respecting the Hypocrites and Scoffers—the Scorners and Contemners of His WORDS AND PRECEPTS!—And which Apostates should *come*, and appear *in the latter Days* ==

“Therefore also said The Wisdom of God, I will send *them* Prophets and Apostles, and *some* of Them *they shall slay and persecute* :

THAT the Blood of *all* the Prophets, which was shed from the Foundation of the World, may be required of THIS GENERATION ;

From the blood of Abel unto the blood of Zacharias, which perished between the Altar and the Temple: *verily* I say unto You, *It shall be required of This Generation.*” ==

‘Be YE therefore ready *also* : for the Son of Man *cometh* at an Hour when Ye think not.’—

‘No Man, when he hath lighted a Candle, putteth *it* in a secret place, *neither* under a bushel, But on a Candlestick, that THEY which come in may see the Light.’ St. Luke xi—xii.

Seeing then that all These things are written and recorded in the SCRIPTURES for the Guidance and Governance, and for the Faith of BELIEVERS *therein*,—What have THEY any more to do with Temples and Tabernacles built by the device and by the hands of Man? All of which are repudiated and rejected *by* the Word of God, and *from* Heaven!!

But especially, when a Man shall know and feel within him, *that*, his Body is made the Temple of the Holy Ghost!—According to promise, as God hath said,—Man is HIS TEMPLE.

“Where is the Place of my rest? saith the Lord: but to this *Man* will I look, *even to him that is poor* and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word.” Isaiah lxvi. 1, 2.

And after His sure Word,—shall *then* be “seen *in* His Temple, the ARK of His Testament.” Rev. xi.

How heartily and zealously will Men, *then* set at nought,—Contemn and despise *every* presuming and pretending Temple of Worship:—*whether* Popish, or Protestant; Jewish, or Sectarist, that *is formed* by the art and ingenuity, and *pride* of Earthly and Worldly-minded Men!

Therefore, and turning therefrom, *by* faithfully and diligently HEARKENING to the Voice of the Spirit; and the *exhortation* and Call of the *revealing* Angel of God:—to whom was given The Blessed Revelation, *as* transmitted and *imparted* to the Evangelist, saying—

“Come hither, I will shew *thee* THE BRIDE, the Lamb’s Wife.—

THE HOLY JERUSALEM *descending* out of Heaven from God,

‘Having the Glory of God.’—

And I saw *no* Temple *therein*: for the Lord God Almighty *and* the Lamb *are* the Temple of it.—

And there shall in no wise Enter into it, any thing *that* defileth, neither *whatsoever* worketh abomination, or *maketh* a Lie: But *they*, which *are* written in the Lamb’s Book of Life.” Rev. xxi. 9—27.

AS PARTICIPATORS of this HOLY JERUSALEM, as seen formed without hands,—The Jews that are reserved for the Blessedness of Enjoyment thereof; will gratefully *contemplate*:—How mercifully and gratuitously They are thought of and remembered. And, that most graciously and condescendingly,—*For* each, of their TWELVE TRIBES, a several GATE of entrance is appointed; and the Names of the *sealed* to Everlasting Life, *are* respectively written on every several Gate. Rev. vii.

And it is indelibly recorded by their great Prophet Isaiah, that,—

“Ye shall be *gathered* One by One, O Ye children of Israel.” Isaiah xxvii.



The Restoration of whom shall be, by the *only* condition, which He who died for their Salvation, has declared, must *priorly* take place: That is *when*, and not until They shall humble Themselves, and come, and be brought to say,—

“Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord.” Matt. xxiii. 29.

How fervently and ardently moreover, shall *that* Man rejoice, *in and upon the Earth*,—even, the *MILLENIST* *when* He shall receive the glad tidings, and shall ‘HEAR the joyful Sound and Voice of the SEVENTH ANGEL; and the great Voices in Heaven,’ saying,—

“The Kingdoms of *this* World *are* become *The Kingdoms* of Our LORD, and of *his* CHRIST; and HE shall *reign* for ever and ever.

‘And the four and twenty Elders, which sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces, and worshipped God, saying, We give thee thanks, O LORD GOD ALMIGHTY, which art, and wast, and art to come; *Because* Thou hast *taken* to Thee thy great Power, and *hast reigned*.

And the NATIONS were angry, and thy WRATH is come, and the time of the Dead, that they should be Judged, and that Thou shouldest give REWARD unto Thy servants the Prophets, and to the Saints, and Them that fear thy Name, small and great; and shouldest DESTROY them, which *destroy* the Earth.’”  
Rev. xi. 15—19.

At this present juncture and momentous time of the Judgment of Men and of all Things, and especially as to the notorious and critical period *arrived* ;—Of the THREE GREAT EUROPEAN Robbers and Despoilers of the Earth: and, it may but too justly be apprehended of the Scripturally included, FOURTH Kingdom.

But most precisely, The *seizure* of Oracow is evidently and undeniably the *literal* accomplishment, and *Minutiae* of fulfilment of the Prophecy as recorded to take place in the latter Days —As thus testifies the Prophet—

“I saw in my Vision by night, and, Behold, the *four* Winds of *the* Heaven *strove* upon the great Sea.

And *four* Beasts came up from *the* sea, *diverse* One from Another.”

Unquestionably, *from* The *stricken* and confounded *Babylonish Sea*, of EUROPEAN National confusion:—*Preceding* the execution of the *provoked* Judgment thereof—in their Overthrow, and in their general and universal Dissolution. For, according to such appointed *fatality*, has the True and Faithful Prophet and enlightened REVEALER, written and recorded, of the FOUR Beasts—or Kings—and Kingdoms. =

“The First *was* like a Lion, and had EAGLE’S WINGS: I beheld *till* the Wings thereof *were plucked*, and it was lifted up from the Earth, and made stand upon the Feet *as* a Man, and a man’s heart was given to it.”

Very apparently the WINGS *have been plucked*, as announced, by the Power of the Circassians.—

“And behold *another* Beast, a Second, Like to a BEAR, and it raised up Itself on one side, and *It had Three ribs* in the mouth of it : and They said *thus* unto it ; *ARISE, devour much Flesh.*”—

Which are nearly the very identical Words, (*unwittingly* promulged and reported) *that*, the THREE expressed One to Another, *when* in conclave assembled.—

“After *this* I beheld, and lo *another*, Like a Leopard, which had upon the Back of it FOUR WINGS of a Fowl ; the Beast had also *four* HEADS ; and DOMINION was given *to it.*” Dan. vii. 1—6.

No Man that investigates, or that has the least Idea or *proper* comprehension of the Prophecy, needs be at a loss,—but must know—*Where* THE DOMINION of the Third Beast *now* rests : and *that*, Judas Iscariot like, *It has* been obtained by Traitorous Blood-Money.

EACH, and All of THESE may think to render acceptable Service and Sacrifice *with* the Ill-gotten Territory, *Pelf*, and Spoil. And, therefore, They make *vain* Offerings. Some, with Boastful and Ambitious Building of Temples, although proclaimed from God Himself, *rejectable and despised.*

Other-Some, make Offerings of *gorgeous and magnificent* PRESENTS from One to Another. The whole Means and Power thereof, having been *intrinsically* obtained by Bloodshed, by Murder, and by *infliction* of Death of their Fellow-Mortals.

Nevertheless, and although as says the learned Dr.

Wilberforce, Bishop of Oxford! in his recent Sermon and DEDICATION of a newly built Church to a Fictitious, and Ideal Popish PRIESTESS!!

“Mighty Men and Kings *built* Temples.”

And the Bishop might have added that, Like unto a certain *mighty* King; THEY also, *Selfishly* imagined to do Worship *with the best* of the rejected and forbidden Spoil. But for his *obstinate* Rebellion, the KING was not only *rebuked*, but *moreover* an Evil Spirit was sent unto Him from the Lord, which *mightily* tormented him.

In further regard to Mighty Men and Kings,—The ONE, pronounced from Above, the SUPREMELY WISEST, *has thus left* His written ADDRESS to Them. The excellency of its advised Principle, and recommendation of its Universal and practical bearing, induces a repetition—

“HEAR therefore, O ye Kings, and *understand* ;  
LEARN, Ye that be Judges of the Ends of the Earth.

Give ear, YE that *rule* the People, and *glory* in the multitude of NATIONS.

For power is given You of the Lord, and Sovereignty from the Highest, who shall *try* your Works, and *search* out your Counsels.

*Because*, being Ministers of his kingdom, Ye have not Judged *aright*, nor *kept* the law, nor walked after the *counsel* of God ;

Horribly and Speedily shall He come upon You : for a *sharp judgment* shall be to Them *that be* in High Places.

For MERCY shall soon Pardon the meanest ; but MIGHTY MEN shall be *mightily tormented*.” Wisd. vi. 1-6.

In like manner and after such enlightening and Doctrinal teaching, *has* Another great and noble Guide and Instructor written ; *Although* his Precepts, like the former, *are* held and pronounced *Apocryphal* !—by the Worldly-wise, *and* the assumed Orthodoxy ! of the Nation ! !

But, says the faithful Preacher—

“ He that Sacrificeth of a thing *wrongfully* gotten, His offering *is* ridiculous : and the Gifts of Unjust Men *are not* accepted.

Do not *think* to corrupt with *gifts* ; for such He will not receive : and trust not to UNRIGHTEOUS Sacrifices ; for the Lord *is* Judge, and with Him *is* no respect of persons.” Eccl. xxxiv.—xxxv.

Away then with the Militant Offerings to HIM ! All of which bear, The Cain-like *mark* of Brothers' Blood, and stain of Human-Gore on the Heraldic Arms, and FRONTLETS—even of MITRES ;—in confederacy and justification of the RED and Bloody *Hand* in every Ensign of every Baronet ; and likewise, as signified in *all* Armorial Escutcheons : which, War-like Spirit *is* also understood, *as* implied and attached, *to* every Individual CREST, *and* Insignia of Heraldry.—

Altogether in disregard of the Prophecy of the Prophet, and *inspired* Psalmist of the Israel of God ! Who has written and left on record, saying,—

“ HEAR this, all *Ye* people ; Give Ear, all *Ye* inhabitants OF THE WORLD.

Man *that is* in Honour, and understandeth not, *is* like the Beasts *that* perish.” Psalm xlix.

Which Doctrine is confirmed, and still *more especially*, by David's Lord and God, saying and avering—

“I receive not honour from Men.”

“How can Ye believe, which receive *honour* One of Another; and *seek not* the Honour that *cometh* from God *only*”? St John v.

Not a word of direction, exhortation, or recommendation throughout the Scriptures, Do we find to any SECT; or to any Heterogeneous Mass, or Assemblage of People to *erect Temples*: or any Sanction given to their lengthy Repetitions of Public Prayers: *but contrariwise*,—an express Condemnation of their froward and multifarious Altars, and prohibited Temples!!

Moreover, it is now seen and *truly* acknowledged that, ‘ICHABOD, ICHABOD, ICHABOD’ is imprinted and written, and attached to all TEMPLE SERVICES OF MEN! !—That GOD will never, *never more dwell*, (or be entreated or found) in THEM.

After this avowed and positive *appreciation*,—How shall The attempt to justify the Double-dealing be adjudged? *and*, before the All-seeing Eye of the Omniscient God? Who has testified and declared to all Mankind,—His abhorrence and contempt of the pusillanimous, reckless, and lukewarm Appeals to Him! Of whom, THE LUKEWARM,—The Righteous Judge hath pronounced *Their Doom*,—as written to the Laodicean Church, saying—

“BECAUSE Thou art lukewarm, and *neither* cold nor hot, I will *spue* Thee out of my mouth.—

As many as I love, I rebuke and *chasten*: be zealous therefore, and *repent*. =

To Him that *overcometh* will I grant to sit with Me in *my* Throne, even as I also OVERCAME, and am set down with my Father in *his* Throne." Rev. iii.

All which distinctive *estimation*, and faithful *summary* of Judgment unites, and corresponds with the Gospel Dispensation ;—especially, applicable to the meagre and mean Spirit of Man ;—*compared therein* to worthless and unsavory SALT having *lost* its Savour. —“It is *neither* fit for the Land, *nor* yet for the Dung-hill ; *but*, MEN CAST IT OUT.” Luke xiv. 24, 25.

Well and truly may it be thought and said that, *When* the People are Congregated in Temples of Human construction, and especially in Cathedrals, *are* called upon to stand up ; and doing so and turning to the Altar, They are taught and led to believe, (as before stated) that *there* THEY Face their Saviour, JESUS, and *then* stand in the presence of their God ! !

Nevertheless, yet daring to acknowledge, and *profess* the double Doctrine, *that*, HE departed into Paradise, according to the Scriptures ; but, contrary to the Gospel, and whilst standing on their legs, They *aver* *that*, HE descended into Hell.—

Most calamitous Woe, and direful Vengeance is pronounced to fall on Them that offend against the Light of the Spirit: for *that* Sin, hath no recovery of forgiveness. Yet most wilfully, obstinately, and dogmatically,—in resistance and against the Words of Christ,—The Third Article of the Church of England

declares,—“ *It is to be believed that, HE WENT DOWN INTO HELL!!*”

Thus, as far as the words and *their* authority may be allowed to pass, and the plainness of understanding thereof,—They give Him the Lie direct; and recklessly, presumptuously and *criminally* tell him that He is a Liar. In common parlance among Men, even in the PIT or PLACE, and in the TOPHET of their *Assemblage*—Each One and the Other, would be called upon to *Atone*, and give satisfaction for the *insult* of offence, and unjust appellation.

As yet, however, Men still maintain the Falsehood, obstinately and perversely against the Light of the Scriptures, and of the Apostolic Truth; even *against* the words and *testimony from the Lips of Him*, who was, and is, the Truth itself.—Nevertheless, the Estrangement of the Minds of Men is such, even, to afford Evidence that,—They *reject* the Doctrine which *is* from ABOVE; and *choose* the mean and grovelling Spirit of the Earthly and Worldly-minded,—The Degenerate of Mankind; and prefer the Doctrine, and *their* Teaching which *is* from BENEATH. And therefore, They pertinaciously, and wilfully *persist* in supporting The Imposition,—the Dereliction, *and*,—the Apostasy of the Phrase,—OF THE DESCENT:—Which, *vitiates* the Creed or professed Belief; commonly, but therefore, *falsely* called, ‘The Apostles Creed.’

And which Creed, as, The Rev. Scotch Minister of



the Gospel, J. Brown of Haddington, has shown (and as before quoted) has asserted in his excellent and lucid,—Historical, and Critical Dictionary;—and therein, has apparently *proved* that,—It was well known the CREED was not in existence, *or* heard of, till some ‘THREE HUNDRED YEARS *after*, The Apostles *were Dead*, and in their Graves!’

“None of the FATHERS of the THREE FIRST CENTURIES, *pretend it to have been the Composition of the Apostles* ; Neither ought the Canons and Constitutions, *called* by their Name, to pass for Apostolic :—Nor is it probable, that *they were* collected or *forged* till the 5th Century, *when* IMPOSTORS were become *impudent enough*, and the People *as credulous*.”

Neither, was there any need or occasion, for the Apostles having *any* FABRICATION or formal Attestation of Belief; especially *not* of any *questionable* Creed :—The Testimony of the Scriptures and the Gospel, *and* THEIR Lively-Faith in all the Credentials and Precepts thereof, being *their* All in All; and inestimably so, As a Sole and Self-sufficient *pledge and security*, for Their SALVATION.

One would think it were as easy *to frame* the Heart and Mind, according to the Gospel, to speak the Truth, as it is in Jesus, *that*,—“He *departed* into Paradise,”—*instead*, and rather *than* advert to Tergiversation, and perverse and *accursed striving* against His Words, to make Him a Liar!—By substituting and asserting that, ‘He *descended* into Hell!’

No such Double-tongued Doctrine can be found in the Scriptures of Truth.—The Hell which Jesus-Christ *did* suffer from Man and Devil, *was* upon the Cross, and *not after*—Might it not be feared that the very word, PARADISE, which They *have* expunged, *as it came from* The Lips of the alone Saviour God?—May it not be found that the Word will indeed be *as* Hell to those, who have rejected His Words; and, as it were, *have* thrust and cast Themselves *out* of Paradise!—And have chosen many *crooked* and perverse Paths and Ways.

To One of a Company that appealed, *and beseeched* the advice and Counsel of the Saviour Jesus, *saying*—

“LORD, are there *few* that be saved?—And He said unto Them,

‘Strive to enter in at the STRAIT GATE: for Many, I say unto You, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able.

When *once* the Master of the House is risen up, and *hath* Shut to the Door, and Ye begin to stand *without*, and to knock at the door, saying, Lord, Lord, open unto *us*; and He shall *answer* and say unto You, I know You *not* whence Ye are:—

Depart from Me, all *Ye* workers of Iniquity.—There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, *when* Ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and *all* the Prophets, in the Kingdom of God, and you *Yourselves* thrust out.’” Luke xiii. 23—28.

The Critical time it appears cannot be far off to Test and prove, The Protestant *devised* Articles, or

Earthly CHURCH of Man. And which,—*When its appointed* GOSPEL SUCCESSOR, shall irresistibly come forward, under the Hand and Power of Omnipotence—The Earthly Church, and Formidable Establishment must be sequestered—*must* pass away from its *usurped* PREDOMINANCY;—by the indignant *rebuke* and blast of the *jealous indignation* of the Most High!—

When Christ cometh in His *delegated* Power and Person, *as* THE SON OF MAN TO REIGN; and, by such an One,—His Representative being *endowed*; to Rule and Govern, according, to *every* PRECEPT of HIS GOSPEL.

Therefore, when the Saviour Jesus so cometh, *by* His DEPUTE, and claimeth His Righteous and ordained Sovereignty in the Earth,—(*and even according to immediate expectation*:)—No Articles and Sophisms of *either* Protestant or Papist: *or* any other Sectarian Church Principles of Man, can be suffered to intermix; *or then* to stand in competition, *or* in any wise in conjunction with His Laws, and with His Ordinances.

Nothing it would appear throughout the Scriptures, *both* of the Old and the New, is more *continually* spoken of, and reiterated as *offensive and insulting* to the DEITY, *than*,—THE SIN OF IDOLATRY, and the MAKERS of Graven Images!!

Though Idolatrous Papists *strive* to shew that, They do not worship before Images and Pictures set before Them; *yet*, were it not so,—They are *equally* Rebellious *against* the Commandment of God, *in* Making them, *and* Bowing down to them. Exodus xx.

And surely They will not have the Audacity and

Barefacedness to deny, *either*, the Making and Bowing down to Them ;—which together, CONSTITUTE *worship* ; Prevaricate and persist, as obstinately and rebelliously as They may,—*and do* ;—The act and deed of setting, —The Abomination of Images of the Craftsman before the Eyes ;—not only *tendeth* to *render Destitute*, but *maketh Desolate*, the Heart and Soul of Man from his Maker, and the True God.—

Therefore, remembering, *and* without ceasing, Calling to mind, the Commandment of MOSES and the ELDERS of Israel, as recorded ; and of Their *saying* unto All the People ;—

“Take heed, and hearken, O ISRAEL ;—and *obey the Voice* of The Lord thy God, *and do* His Commandments and His Statutes.”

And MOSES charged the People ; and issued the Command, *that*,—

“THE LEVITES shall speak, and say, unto all the Men of ISRAEL, *With a Loud Voice*,”—

“CURSED *be* the man that maketh *any* Graven or Molten Image, an abomination unto the Lord, the Work of the hands of the Craftsman, and putteth *it* in a secret place. And *all* the People shall answer and say, AMEN.” Deut. xxvii.

Whether then, shall the PEOPLE hearken to the Voice of THE LORD THEIR GOD, and Creator of all things which are Good ? Or to the Treacherous, and Delusive, BEGUILING, and Fictitious pretence of, The POPE of Rome—the Nominal and acknowledged,

FATHER OF IDOLATRY ; and Supporter of the ABOMINATION of Idols, *forged and devised*, AND set up by Men?!

No Man can faithfully serve THE TWO.

In England, the People have experienced the fatal consequences of the attempt and striving to act, in a mean and Dastardly spirit, *as* Servants of the Double.

And under the guise of Expediency;—*The Rulers* have been led to the cowardly act of EMANCIPATION : *instead* of making a courageous stand for the Truth ; and *thereby*, of obtaining a worthy *means* of Converting the Apostate.

Ever since the execrable and meagre Act, *called* Emancipation ; there has been little less *than* a continuing, intermitting, and Exciting of discord, and of *deserved confusion*.—VERIFYING the Prophecy, respecting the insinuating *and* treacherous of Mankind ; that should be left, *and* which They should suffer and let Remain to intermix with the People.

Then will this Prophecy come to pass, and will *There* be fulfilled ; which THE LORD spake unto MOSES, and commanded him, Saying,—

“ Speak unto the Children of Israel, and say unto them—YE shall *drive* out All the inhabitants of the Land from before You, *and Destroy all their Pictures*, and destroy *all* their Molten Images, *and* quite Pluck down *all* their High Places.

But if Ye will *not* drive out the Inhabitants of the Land from before You ; *then* it shall come to pass, *that* THOSE which Ye let *remain* of them, *shall be*

pricks in your Eyes, and thorns in your Sides, and shall *vex you* in the land *wherein* Ye dwell.

Moreover it shall come to pass, *that* I shall *do* unto You, *as* I thought to do unto Them." Num. xxxv.

This PROPHECY *being* in Immediate issue and accomplishment,—It seems most fitting to *reiterate it* in the Ears, and bring it to the Minds of Those, who *do* Believe in the Power of their God, and *in* the revelation of His Truths ; and that *zealously*,—They *testify* their adherence to the Authority of the Holy Scriptures : *after* the manner as did, One of the *chiefest* Apostles of the LORD, in writing and *affirming*,—

“ Though *we*, or an Angel from Heaven, PREACH any other Gospel unto You than *that* which We have preached unto You, Let *him* be *accursed*.”—

And momentarily, *he repeated* the Anathema. —Galatians i. 8, 9.

None can deny the *applicability* of the PROPHECY to the English and Irish Nations at this present time ; and the very specific and *precise* Visitation of its calamitous effects *now* poured out, *and* to be poured out *upon*, An Apostate and Idolatrous People and Nation. And of which MOSES pronounced the *awful* Warning, and proclaimed the *terrible* Threatening of JUDGMENTS, which should *eventually* come to pass. And which is recorded, in his Book called NUMBERS.

That IRELAND,—Notwithstanding its Degree, or Minority of Protestants,—IS, notoriously and locally *become* a People and Nation given up to Idolatry ! and

boasting of its Millions under the Sway and *dictation* and Government of the Pope!—Is beyond doubt; and admits *neither* of question or dispute. Nay, its PRIESTS pronounce *their* Head and Master to be,—‘THE LORD GOD THE POPE!’ And, They cause the People to reverence *him*, as *their God*, for *their good*!!—

And even for their *Soul's good* here and hereafter!!!

And the PRIESTS of *The Pope*, have yet moreover, *The Blasphemous presumption* to pronounce Excommunication, or *Deprivation of Salvation to all*, and every Soul out of *their* Popish,—*their* Chaotic-Purgatorial,—*their* IDOLATROUS,—and therefore, *their* SATANICALLY framed *imposition* of a CHURCH.

Consequently, Let the BAN of excommunication *return*, with accumulated Denunciation, and with ten-fold Vengeance *recoil* on their own Souls—knowing assuredly, and *testifying that*,—NO IDOLATER, high or low, rich or poor, hath *any* Inheritance with the Elect of God, *or* shall be suffered to intermingle with the faithful Worshipper; or shall *ever* see the Face of the True God, *or ever know* the *Peace* of Heaven!!!

Yet, in the spirit of *Christian charity*, Calling to mind, The Gospel CHARGE of St. Paul to Timothy;—*respecting Those* which he saith,—have made *Shipwreck of Faith*, and a good Conscience—

“WHOM, I have delivered unto SATAN, *that* They may Learn, *not* to BLASPHEME.” 1 Timothy i. 19, 20.

And yet *remembering* the efficacy of *sincere* Repentance; *and* the extreme *duty* of Charity,—the

Apostle says of another Delinquent, that *Spiritually*,—"He had delivered *him* to Satan, *for*, the destruction of the Flesh; *that*,—THE SPIRIT may be SAVED, *in the day* of THE LORD JESUS."

If the POPE be indeed, the Lord and God of the Papists, *as they profess*;—Now, in *this*—The time of *their* extreme Exigency and need of Help; *is*, the necessitous Occasion, and indispensable SEASON,—The absolute CRISIS, *arrived*,—To invoke Him and to make their Appeal unto Him!—*Their* Lord and *their* God! For relief, for sustenance, and for Protection and Preservation?

And *it is*, The time for THE POPE HIMSELF *to prove*, that, in his Station, He is not a very BAAL:—And *both* Deaf and Dumb like him,—THE PRETENDER,—and that HE *also* can *neither* Hear, or See, or can Relieve; *or* possesses Power to grant their Petitions?

Call upon *him* as long as they may! And as in the Days of ELIJAH the Prophet of the LORD, He *mocked all* the Worshippers, of Baal, saying,—

"How long Halt ye between two opinions? *If* the Lord *be* God, follow Him: *but* if Baal, *then* follow him." 1 Kings xvii.

And wherefore, *as* in the Days of the Prophet,—The time of Separation *is* fully come. If THE POPE be indeed the LORD God of the Papists, and their *choice*;—Let them follow him.

But if The Lord God of Hosts *be* in truth, The



Lord God of the PEOPLE: Let them lay hold on him, and trust to Him *alone*.

Who saith of Himself.

“ I *am* the first, and I *am* the last, and beside Me *there is NO GOD.*” Isaiah xlii.

“ Thus saith the Lord that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: Thou *art Mine*.

I *am* the Lord thy God, the Holy One of Israel, *thy Saviour*:—

Before me there *was* no God formed, *neither* shall there *be* after me.

I, *even I, am THE LORD* ; and beside me *there is NO SAVIOUR.*

Thus saith The Lord, your REDEEMER, the Holy One of Israel.

“ I, *even I, am He that Blotteth out thy Transgressions* for mine own sake, and will not remember thy Sins.

Put me in remembrance ; let Us plead together ; declare thou, that Thou mayest be justified.

Thy first FATHER hath sinned, and thy TEACHERS have transgressed against me.

“ *Therefore, I have profaned the Princes of the Sanctuary.*” Isaiah xliii.

“ Who, as I, shall call, and shall declare it, and set it in order for me, *since I appointed the Ancient People!*—*And the things that are coming, And shall come* ;—Let them *shew* unto Them.

Thus saith The Lord the King of Israel, and his Redeemer the Lord of Hosts; I *am* the first, and I *am* the last; and beside Me *there is* no God.

Ye *are* even my Witnesses,—Is there a God beside me? Yea, There is no God; I know *not* Any.

They that make a Graven Image *are* all of Them VANITY. And They *are* their *own* Witnesses; They *see* not, *nor* know; That *they* may be Ashamed."

O Israel thou shalt not be forgotten of me. I have blotted out *as a Thick Cloud* thy transgressions, and, as a Cloud, thy sins: *Return* unto me; for I have redeemed thee."

" Thus saith The Lord *thy* Redeemer, I *am* The Lord that maketh all things; that stretcheth forth the Heaven *alone*; that spreadeth abroad the Earth *by Myself*;

That *frustrateth* the Tokens of the LIARS, and maketh DIVINERS mad; that *turneth* WISE MEN backward and maketh *their* Knowledge foolish."—Isaiah xlv.

There must come the time for a Distinguishable, and positive TEST—a SHIBBOLETH, which shall try and prove Every Man to whom he virtually belongs.

If He declares for The Pope,—To the Pope he should *either* willingly go, *or*, forcibly be driven.

*That* in love and mercy He should the soonest experience *and* feel, and know *what* his *chosen Master*, and Professional Lord God, THE POPE! *can do for Him!!*

Why should Protestants *presume* to think that, They can Legislate and Rule over, *and* in Confederacy with a PAPISTICAL, an open and wilfully Idolatrous, Superstitious, and Rebellious People? When God Himself disclaims, *contemns*, and renounces to Reign over Them! For, having *deserted* Him, and *despised*, His *especial* FIRST, and SECOND *great* COMMANDMENTS!!—"Written with the Finger of God," (Deut. ix.) and given to MOSES, for all People!!! He has therefore left them—The IDOLATERS to Themselves, to work their own DAMNATION.

And further, saith Another of the greatest and most eminent of the Bible Prophets, and in reference to the DISOBEDIENT—the UNFAITHFUL, and the UNGRATEFUL,—JEWS,—His most favoured People,—

"They rebelled, and vexed his Holy Spirit: *therefore* He was *turned* to be *their* Enemy, *and* He fought *against* Them."

And, continues the Prophet,—

"OUR ADVERSARIES *have* trodden down THY SANCTUARY."

"We are THINE: Thou *never* bearest Rule over *them*; They were not *called* by thy Name."—

"THEY shall go to Confusion together, *That are* Makers of Idols."—ISAIAH.

Is it to be supposed that Roman Catholics, *in* whose Hands are the Scriptures? Is it to be imagined *that*, They neither read them, *and* know *not* by such

Holy Testimony that,—No IDOLATER or any MAKER of a Graven Image,—*without the sincerest and deepest repentance*,—shall ever inherit the Kingdom of Heaven, or shall in *any-wise* be able to stand, or to appear in the Sight, or, before the Presence of the *only* True, and OMNIPOTENT GOD ?

Admitting that, They *do read* the Scriptures, *inspired* by the HOLY GHOST ; and Professing to be guided and governed by Them : surely it is Incumbent on Them ; *and likewise*, upon *all* Mankind to know and understand that,—It is not in the Power of Man to avert, or annul, or change any Ordinance and Law *so given*, from ON HIGH !

But in *every* case, The Divine and Heavenly Decree, *as revealed*, must have its Appointed and declared Effect—even to Consummation,—of Casting all—

“ Murderers, Sorcerers, Idolaters, and *all* Liars, into the LAKE which burneth with Fire and Brimstone : which *is*, The Second Death.” Rev. xxi.

“ And the SEA OF BABYLON the Great,—‘ GAVE up the Dead which *are* in it ;’—*also*, “ Death and Hell delivered up the Dead which *were* in them : and they were JUDGED every Man according to *their works*.”—

When all the exempt and *excluded* of Paradise,—

“ Death and Hell were *both* cast into the Lake of Fire.—This, *is*,—The Second Death.” Rev. xx.

For a full corroborating, and undeniable *meaning* of the Symbolical allusion to THE SEA OF BABYLON,—*Read the whole* of the 50th and 51st Chapters of JEREMIAH.

As to the last Unction of Popish Benediction, which consists of *consigning* the Soul to the CHAOS of Purgatory!—and which apparently, *is* quite, or more than confirmed, and *clenched* by the Doctrine of Protestant Hell!

Nevertheless there is no proof whatsoever, that any, *or all* of the Thousands and Millions of Prayers! or, of Money Offerings having been of the least avail to Free and Release the Soul of *any* Pope, *or* of *any* Priest, *or* of *one* Servile or Serf that, *has descended!* No, nor of any Protestant, for if so, *There*,—As the Tree has *fallen*, it must remain till Doomsday for Judgment.—*When*, All shall arise for *their* appointed, *their* forewarned, and Universally *proclaimed* Fate, and righteous Desert.

It has lately transpired and been published, that, There has been 258 Popes; therefore, the present One is, the 259th—and most notoriously, according to the assumed Name, PIUS, the IXth. ! And *whether* the Last! *or* that there shall *ever* be the 260th Pope, may well be questioned?

Notwithstanding all the Plausibility and the great Amelioration of His distressed, and Cruelly oppressed Subjects, *as* generally circulated, and reported:—

Still the present POPE following the fatal example, and treading in the steps of his Predecessors; has manifested and *openly* Shown himself an IDOLATER !

The proof whereof is seen, *as announced*, In the *exaltation* of the IMAGE of the VIRGIN, and of paying His Adorations and Worship before it.

Such Idolatrous Apostasy, such Anti-Apostolic, and such Anti-Scriptural doctrine, principle, and *practice*, may pass and do, for the *professed* Enthusiast,—and may be suffered for awhile; and which it appears, *is* indeed permitted that, They might fill up the measure of their Iniquity. And thereupon accomplish the Prediction of the great Prophet of the Lord, saying,—

“Thus saith the Lord, The Heaven *is* my Throne, and the Earth *is* my Footstool: Where *is* the House that ye build unto me?

For all those *things* hath *mine* hand made.

“He that burneth Incense, Is, *as if* he blessed an Idol. Yea, They have *chosen* their own ways, and their Soul delighteth in their Abominations.

I also will *choose* their Delusions, and *will* bring their fears upon Them; *because* when “I called, *none* did answer; when I spake They did *not* hear: But they did *evil* before mine Eyes, and Chose *That* in which I delighted not.”

All which Testimony is ratified and confirmed by the Apostle St. Paul in his Epistle to the Thessalonians, writing and saying,—

“Now we beseech you, Brethren, by the Coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Let no Man *deceive* you by any means: for *that Day shall not come*, except there come a *Falling away first*, and that Man of Sin be revealed, the Son of *perdition*;

Who opposeth *and* exalteth Himself above all that is called God, *or* that is worshipped; so that *he* as God, *sitteth* in the Temple of God, *shewing himself* that he is God.—

*Then* shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, *and* shall destroy with the brightness of his coming :

*Even him*, whose coming is after the working of *Satan* with all power and signs and lying wonders,

And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish ; *because* they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, *that* they should believe a lie :

That they all might be damned who believed *not* the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness."—  
2 Thess. ii. 1—12.

How faithfully and fearfully is this Prophecy exemplified in all its *very* particular points, and most especial Circumstances *as published* ; and which took place on the 27th August, 1844, at the Dedication and Consecration !—of a Roman Catholic fictitious Church to their fanciful Saint and Idol ! and their professed, and presiding Tutelary, St. Barnabas ? !

To all that look for their Soul's Salvation and Redemption by Christ, obtainable *only* by adhering to his Gospel Precepts, and hearkening to the Ancient warning Voice of the Prophets of the Most High—will behold the Pompous and Earthly Church of mere Man,—perhaps with pity and sorrow for the Infatuated Builders and Supporters—but in their contemplation, Let them remember that it Behoves them to *decide* ; respecting their Abhorrence, Execration, and Contempt of the Principles of the Popish Church as professed at Nottingham, and as propounded and set

forth by all its Encomiasts, by its Bishops, and by all its Priests.

For the purpose of conviction and for proof, *there* is need and occasion *only* to refer to the Process and celebration of the matters and things, which occurred and were absolutely performed.

‘On Tuesday the 27th August, 1844, The Rt. Rev. Bishop Wiseman, in *cope and mitre*, and attended by a large number of Ecclesiastics came forth in solemn Procession from the Sacristy and Consecrated, The CHURCH AND ALTAR, and enclosed *Relics herein*, in honour of St. Barnabas.’—

‘The Ceremonies commenced by the CONSECRATION of the BELL! which was suspended from the roof. The CLERGY formed a Circle round the Bell! and the Bishop commenced the “Miserere,” which *They* recited *solemnly* after him, with other Psalms. At the end of the Psalms the Bishop *blessed some salt and water!* and began to wash *the Bell*, which was followed up by two Acolytes, who thoroughly washed *the Bell inside and outside!!* This done, the Bishop made the *Sign* of the Cross *on* the Bell, with the Olema sanctura infirmarium, said a Prayer, *wiped* the Oil, *recited* a Psalm, again made *Seven Crosses on the Bell outside* with the same Oil, and four *inside* with Chrism, saying, at the time, the Prayer of Consecration.—

After *another* Prayer, the Bishop *put incense* into the Thurible, and it was placed *under* the Bell! while he said a Prayer *with* his Assistant Clergy!’—



What think you, Protestants ! of this *blessed* Salt and Water ? Of this sanctified Oil, and anointed Chrism to consecrate and purify this *blessed* ! this doubly and trebly *sanctified*, and transmuted Holy Bell !!!

Say the Reporters, or Attendants that, *during* the whole Ceremony, there *was* no time more imposing *than* when *the Relics* (!) were solemnly carried into the Church, and *the* deeply-toned *Bell*, which had just been *consecrated*, began to Toll for the first time !—

Will You League, and join issue at the sound of the blessed Salt and Water, washed and anointed Bell ? Or shall it be as a Warning Note, to flee from hearing *even* the sound thereof ? The case and consequence *at stake*, IS, no less than Life or Death—The Blackness of the POPE'S Purgatory and Hell—Or, The Light of CHRIST'S Paradise and Heaven ?!

It is manifestly *astounding* to read the Ceremonial, and to observe how the Holy Ordinances of the ALMIGHTY have been *wrested*, and HIS words *stolen* to the intent and purpose of sanctifying a Mammonly devised CHURCH, in opposition to the Divine ; and its attempted Establishment at Nottingham : To the utter *disgrace* of the Locality, *by permission* of the Temple erection ; The open Sign and proof of its Apostacy.

After the outward display of Statues and Images ; —*Comes* the Names of the Founders, and the Living Contributors and Supporters : and the especial mention *and* enumeration of their Worldly Armorial Shields, and their Chivalrous and Heraldic Banners, *emblazoned*, and repositied *Therein*.

Again, again, and again is rehearsed the principle of the Spirit of the Prince of this World, *and* the Heraldry of Talbot, Earl of Shrewsbury: whom the Consecrating Bishop commanded, that They should pray for; and who no doubt in Commemoration of his Heart and Soul's residence, *has bought* a Canonization, a Saintship, and a Statuary Niche,—*if* they should live to perform and execute it; *and* that such things should further *be* suffered to exist:—for it might appear *that*,—The Cup of transgression is filled up to the Brim.

In the published Report of the Consecration, We read that the Rev. Dr. Wiseman, with a Confederacy of Clergy, and of other Attendants proceeded, and having advanced to the great Door of the Church—and struck it above the Threshold with his Staff, and said as before,—being *answered* by the Deacon.

The reply of the Bishop and Clergy and the apparent glowing trickery included,—so contrary to God's ordinance and the Scriptures, *seems*, rather too gross, and *presumptuous* to pass without notice.

The Bishop deferred not, as it is said in the Published Report, but made the Sign of the Cross with the end of his Staff upon the Door, saying,—

“Behold the Sign of the Cross; all ye Demons fly.” (!!!)

The door was *then* opened! and He entered the Church, and the Choir with his Attendants.

Notwithstanding the *prohibition* of ALTARS raised by the hands of Man, as proclaimed by the Prophet of God, and which is found in the 8th of HOSEA,

*testifying* that,—“ ALTARS should become a snare and a sin”—Yet *here*, in this Popish exhibition we find, *the boast* of many Altars made and dedicated, One after Another, to Self-chosen Saints. And we read *that*, from their HIGH ALTAR,—The Consecrating Bishop, Dr. Wiseman,—after mixing of Ashes from the pavement, with his blessed Salt, and Water; *proceeded* with *his* EXORCISMS, as thus,—

“ I exorcise thee, creature, SALT, in the Name (!) of Our Lord Jesus Christ ; (!!)—I exorcise thee, creature, WATER, in the Name of God the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost ; (!!!) And after many supplications, and mixing of the Ashes, the Salt, and the Water, *and* making the form of a Cross, He said—

“ Be this Salt and Ashes *mingled* together, *in the Name* of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen. (!!!!)

So likewise he proceeded—

“ Sanctify and Bless *these creatures*, LIME AND SAND, through Christ our Lord. Amen. (!!!!!)

And standing before THE RELICS (!) The Bishop exclaimed,

“ Grant, we beseech thee, O Lord, that we may worthily *touch these Relics* (!) of thy Saints ; whose PATRONAGE we desire unceasingly to enjoy through Christ our Lord. Amen.”

In defiance of the *Denouncement* of God on Altars built by Man ; The climax of rebellious opposition is brought to the full,—by the Bishop ; *when*, with all apparent solemnity ‘ He dipped the thumb of his

right hand in the water which They had blessed, and with it made a Cross in the middle of the Table of the Altar, saying,—

“ May *this Altar* be sanctified to the honour of ALMIGHTY GOD, *and* of the glorious VIRGIN MARY, (!) *and* of all the SAINTS, *in* the name *and* memorial of St. Barnabas. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost !”

All this naturally leads to the consideration of the Sermon preached in the following Month of September, in Dublin, by the Rev. Dr. Miley, and of *his Exorcisms*,—as the Bishop of Nottingham St. Barnabas, might truly say,—and which were “ delivered before the Most Rev. Dr. Murray, Catholic Archbishop of Dublin on Sunday the 8th of September, 1844, the Day on which His Grace had *directed* a Pontifical High Mass and Thanksgiving, for the liberation of Mr. O’Connell, and other State Prisoners.”

The Rev. Enthusiast Dr. Miley, quickly comes to an Eclaircissement of *his* Doctrine and Principles and, asks—

“ How would it accord with the Paternal solicitude of our *venerated* Archbishop to see a *devotion*, at once enlightened and full of ardour, fostered amongst his people *towards* our blessed Lady ! In fine—would it not be unpardonable, and indeed preposterous, not to mention her Name, *and* even dwell with rapture upon the Praises of this ever-gracious QUEEN OF HEAVEN.”

Is this *preposterous* and unauthorised Title ? this *Exorcism* or Conjuraton of Name and Phrase ;—

Whether pardonable or whether *unpardonable* of *either* the Archbishop, or of the Preacher ? !

Only once in the Scriptures, and in the Book of Jeremiah (as heretofore observed) do we read of the title of Queen of Heaven.—

*There*, and Then it serves to shew the wickedness, and wilfulness of Men and Women, who persisted *to burn Incense* unto the Queen of Heaven, *and* to pour out Drink Offerings to her ; *until*, as the Prophet declares—

“ So that THE LORD could no longer bear, *because* of the *evil* of your doings, *and* because of the Abominations which Ye have committed.” Jer. xlv.

The justification of Adoring, and of Petitioning of the Virgin by the Priest, and *before* her Idol Image or Picture ;—affords incontestible proof of *their* ANTI-CHRISTIANISM.

In conjunction with The great Agitator of Idolatrous Ireland ;—Who publicly *avowed* His Deliverance from Prison, *expressly*, as owing to his Devotedness, and to his earnest Intercession of the Virgin !!!—

The Enthusiast Priest, and Boaster of his adoration, and worship before the Idol Image, and *Picture*, and likewise of imploring the VIRGINS' Intercession, *is* openly and undeniably, *in perverse*, and contumelious DEROGATION of the *only* MEDIATOR, between God and Man ! 1 Tim. ii. 5.

YET, moreover the Priest, Dr. Miley, has since been the Employee' of the Irish DEVOTEZ' ; and sent

by him to the Pope, in order to assist, *and* to qualify the Oxford Apostate, MR. NEWMAN, to bring his Popish Doctrines, and Spirit of *Soul damning* IDOLISM to the English College of Oscott!! *And* for the purpose of Disseminating his SPIRITUALLY *ruinous, and Desolating, and Destructive Principles* ;—to the beguiling and betraying of Unsteady Minds, *and* unwary SOULS.

Who would not Call *after* the manner, and LIKE as did David in his distress, *unto* The Lord his God, respecting the *treacherous* Priest of his day, and saying,—

“ O Lord, I pray Thee, *turn the counsel* of Ahithophel into foolishness.” 2 Sam. xv. 31.

And the Counsel of the Traitor, to his former Master and King, *and* his wicked advice to his New Lord ; *was* frustrated and defeated : And *thereupon*, The Apostate Priest,—“ went Home to his House and hanged himself.”—Chapter xvii. 23.

The Lord God hath *promised and said* ;—and that, He hath promised, He will perform ;—

“ *When* the ENEMY shall come in like a *flood*, the SPIRIT of the Lord shall *lift up* a STANDARD against HIM.”

“ And the REDEEMER shall come to Zion, and to Them that *turn* from transgression in Jacob, saith The LORD.” Isaiah lix. 19, 20.

In behalf of WHOM, is it probable or consistent, that the Arm of The Lord should be exerted to do this great thing ; and the promised BLESSING by His

Prophet, obtained and conferred? Is it not *seen* to be *solely* confined to the friends and subjects of the Redeemer,—*that turn* from Transgression, and which He will bring to Zion?

And surely the Promise is sufficient to quicken and arouse THOSE that hope to be Partakers with *Him* of his Peace and Paradise! And to stimulate *Them* to be *zealous* and *industrious* to Shake off *all* cumbrous, obstructive, incoherent, and inadmissible ALLIANCES :—The bane and curse of Nations and People; And the cause why NONE participate and enjoy *that* Peace and Blessing which cometh *down* from on High!

What One ALLY, *has* fickle and wavering BRITAIN, but which *is* a Plague and a Pest—a *Sore and growing Evil*, tending more and more to desolation, *distress*, and ruin to its Inhabitants? Brought on through dissembling and Double-Faced mindedness; and consequently,—The *Absence* of Decisive and Manly Policy!

And most *especially* regarding Idolatrous, and Apostate Ireland; *now* become A YOKE, and *intolerable* BURDEN of the Country *and* Kingdom of England. And for which, the Infatuated Rulers are squandering the Thousands and Millions of Money and Property; and of which it would be hard to show *that*, They have so many *Pence* of their *own* to give,—To support the Drones, the Idlers, and the Notoriously *perverse*, and

*wilful* IDOLATERS ;—Stubborn, and *lamentably* obstinate in their DELUSIONS, against their *own* Souls, against God, and against all Mankind! Most especially of *hastening* in England, and bringing upon the Inhabitants *the like distressing* Desolation, Starvation, and Destruction of their *own* Persons, both of Body and Soul.

That the Favour of God should not be withdrawn from *all Men*, but that it should be bestowed, and COME to His CHOSEN PEOPLE ;—It is *Incumbent* that THEY should dissever and disunite *themselves*, from the Rebellious ;—*Not coalesce with them!* but that they should *See to grant*,—The sought for REPEAL, AND DISUNION: and to the utmost EXCISION,—*that* each SECT AND PEOPLE may know The God, and King ; And the Lord and Master under *whom* They enrol Themselves to live and serve.

There has lately been perceived Indications, and acknowledged Symptoms of Apprehension, lest England should *indeed* be visited with the Scourge that is now Devastating the POPEDOM ; or, as a Part thereof, and in *Effect*,—The ANTI-CHRISTIAN, OR IDOLATROUS, *therefore*, The Ungodly Kingdom of Ireland.

Moreover, there is reason enough to fear, the introduction of PESTILENCE and FAMINE through the fatal ALLIANCE ; and of the further accompaniment of the Sword and Noisome Beast, *as predicted*,—To come upon Jerusalem, *to make* desolate and to destroy ;—And, to cut *off* from It, Man and Beast. Ezek.



In the preceding part of the Chapter, The Prophet of THE LORD has spoken of the Men, *that see Vanity*,—saying—

“Son of Man, *these MEN* have set up their IDOLS in their HEART, and put the *stumbling block* of their INIQUITY before their Face.”

Therefore,

“When the LAND sinneth against ME, by *trespassing grievously*,—THEN, *will I stretch out mine Hand upon it, and will break the Staff of the Bread thereof, and will send famine upon it, and will cut off Man and Beast from it.*”—Ezekiel xiv.

Who, and what is the Noisome Beast? And the great pervading Cause of the mischief, and *indignation*? And what is foretold by HIS UNITING AND JOINING with the other THREE devastating, desolating, and destroying POWERS!—should be The all-important Question?

By the Testimony and the Revelation of Two principal PROPHETS of God and Christ; we learn the *explanation*, and of the Spiritual character of the FOUR BEASTS, *of their Prophecies*; which in Vision *they* saw, and the Interpretation which was respectively *revealed*—to Them—And primarily—

“In the first year of Belshazzar, *King of Babylon*, DANIEL had a dream and Visions of his Head upon his bed: then he wrote the Dream, *and* told the sum of the matters,—

“And *Four great Beasts* came up from the Sea, *diverse One from Another.*”

And the Prophet, in continuation records—

“ I saw in the night Visions, and, behold *One* like the Son of Man came with the *Clouds of Heaven*, and came to the ANCIENT OF DAYS, and *they* brought *him* near before *HIM*.”—

And what *are* The Clouds of Heaven, *as here designated* ? Can any Man doubt *that*, They *are*,=The Scripture Ordinances and Gospel Precepts and Injunctions ! And *by* observing and keeping of Them, *if* any Man *overcomes*, and perseveres *against* all Opposition,—To Him, says the DIVINE REWARDER, will I give *to sit with me in my Throne*.—And so *likewise* says THE ANCIENT OF DAYS, of the Son of Man, *which* should come *in* the latter Days.—

“ And there was given *him* Dominion, and Glory, and A KINGDOM ; that all People, Nations, and Languages, should *serve him* ; His Dominion is an Everlasting Dominion, which shall *not* pass away, and his Kingdom *that*, which shall *not* be destroyed.”

“ I came near unto One of them *that* stood by, and asked Him the truth of *all this*. So He told me, and made me know *The Interpretation* of the things.

“ THESE great BEASTS which are FOUR, *are* four KINGS which shall *arise* out of the Earth.”

Here then *is* a plain definition, and a clear *interpretation* that,—The Four Beasts *are literally* the Representatives of the Characteristic Principles and Powers of four PERSONAL KINGS.—Daniel vii.

And which Testimony is corroborated, and in perfect Unison with the Revelation of the Evangelist and Divine St. John.—Rev. xvii.

*These Prophecies are manifestly and exclusively confined to the Four special and minutely pointed European Nations and Kingdoms.*

Also the time is come that,—The Literal and Identical Personages and Powers, may be *recognized* and ascertained.

Moreover a similar *warning* is proclaimed affecting more or less, ALL Nations and People !

But most emphatically are written and recorded,—The Denunciations of HEAVEN against the Fascinations of Popery ; and all Heaven's Vengeance is pronounced to be executed and fulfilled against *all* their Images and Pictures ; and upon, ALL THE SOUL-RUINING ENTHUSIAISMS, AND DELUSIONS, AND VANITIES OF THE POPEDOM.

Kings, and *unjust* Rulers have been of God and Heaven, denominated BEASTS,—and *as* Ruling in the FOUR very precisely *delineated*, and *descriptive* Kingdoms of The latter Days.—

So likewise may duly be held upon a Par, and considered, Spiritually, as equivalent—The Intrinsic and Malignant SPIRIT OF IDOLATROUS PAPISTRY, *as*, THE NOISOME BEAST, *which* infects and pollutes, and Universally *pervades* all Popedom ; and which has FATALLY insinuated itself among other Nations.

That it is perverse, and contrary to God, and all the Revelations of Scripture, *is seen*, from the First to the Last.—By the testimony of Moses *against* their molten Images ; and by the Divine Evangelist *against* their worshipping of Angels, and *invocation* of Saints.

The beloved Sr. JOHN, above all the Apostles of GOD ; and to Whom, *by* the Angel of HIS presence, —The Father and the Son *communicated* the gracious and glorious Revelations from Heaven, *which* the Evangelist wrote, and thus testifies,—

“ Blessed is He that keepeth the sayings of the Prophecy of this Book.

I John *saw* these things, and heard *Them*. And when I had heard and seen, I fell *down* To worship *before* the feet of the ANGEL which shewed me these things.

*Then* saith He unto me, *SEE thou do it not* ;—for, I am thy Fellow-servant, and of thy Brethren the Prophets, and of *Them*, which *keep* the sayings of the Prophecy of *this* Book : for the time *is* at hand.

He that *is* unjust, *let Him* be unjust still ; and He which *is* filthy, let him be filthy still : and He that *is* Righteous, let Him be Righteous still ; and He that *is* Holy, let him be HOLY still.

I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.

“ Blessed *are* They that *do* His Commandments, *that* They may have right to the TREE OF LIFE, and may enter in through the GATES into THE CITY.

For without, *are* Dogs, and Sorcerers, and Whoremongers, and Murderers, and Idolaters ; and *Whosoever* loveth and maketh a Lie.

I JESUS have sent mine Angel *to testify* unto you *these* things in the Churches. I am the root *and* the offspring of David, *and* the bright and morning Star.

“ If any man shall *take away* from the Words of the Book of *this* Prophecy, God shall take away *his part* out of the Book of Life, *and* out of The Holy City, and *from* the things which *are* written in *this* Book.”—“Revelations from the first, and inclusive of the last *Chapters*,—1—22.”

Let it be *considered*, for estimated cannot be,—The Thousands of SOULS that Papists have consigned to the perplexity and confusion of their confounded CHAOS ?—And the Multitudes which *by favour* ! of their last Unction ! They have committed to Purgatorial Darkness, Death, and the Devil to be tormented !! — *Without* having a *particle* of Power to acquit, or to deliver, or to set free a *single Soul* ; for, their Money, or their *Exorcist* Prayers, *only*, aggravate and heighten their *desperate* Offence and Sin.

So directly *contrary* was the UNCTION AND ANOINTING of the APOSTLES, as *derived* from CHRIST, *that* it was *ever*, and *only exerted* for the *recovery* from Darkness, and for immediate giving Light and Life to the Body and the Soul. Therefore, not *binding* It to Death and the Devil, to be fitted *and* prepared for Eternity !!

But so averse herefrom, *is*, The instance and the case in proof, and inasmuch to their Confusion and Conviction that, *as*, They *profess*, and most Obtrusively, and most Predominantly *persist* that ST. PETER, *is*,—THEIR Superintending *Saint* and Presiding *Priest* ? and to whom is given, THE KEYS OF HEAVEN to bind and loose, on Earth !! —

Therefore, let it be duly remarked, and especially *kept* in remembrance that, *it is* ST. PETER above all the Others *that* replied to the *Sorcerer*, who offered *Him money*, and other Saints with him ;—*To Buy* of Them, the POWER OF GOD to do the Miracles, which *he* saw that They performed. And the Wizard *in offering* The Apostles *money* said—

“ Give me also *this* Power, that on Whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive the Holy Ghost.”

“ But PETER said unto him,—Thy Money *perish* with thee, BECAUSE Thou hast *thought* THAT The Gift of God may be *purchased* with Money.

Thou hast *neither* part nor lot in this matter : for, Thy Heart is not right in the sight of God.

“ *Repent* therefore of *this* thy Wickedness, and pray God, *if perhaps* the Thought of thine Heart may be forgiven thee.” Acts viii. 6—24.

Unquestionably therefore, *without Repentance*,—ST. PETER, who has himself pronounced the ANATHEMA, and having the Keys ; will undoubtedly *turn* the Key upon Them ; and has indeed already, by his Spirit so Locked up,—*all*,—The Money Seducers, and Offenders : *and* all Witchcraft till the great and grand Day of just Retribution.

And forasmuch, as,—If, the 258 Popes that have already *been* ; and if, They have *Descended* into their Ideal, *invented*, and *assumed* Purgatorial Chaos of Darkness, Death, and Hell—No Man can say that, the *Soul* of any One of them has been delivered ;—

but that, *Darkness* having been the Soul's choice ; There is every right and reason to *Believe that*, it is there *Bound* ; and THERE still remains.

And what is more,—No One *having* the truth of Scripture for his Guide, can say *that* such Spirit, which *has descended*, will ever be released to participate with THOSE, which have *departed* into the Paradise and Kingdom of God : or *even* that, The Descended will ever *be saved* and released ; so as to enjoy, or to partake of Eternal Life ! God himself, and his Gospel *being* the Arbitrator ; *and* Christ the appointed, and the sole Judge.

The Peace of the WORLD is Universally and most *evidently* Shaken and disturbed, above and beyond all former times ; *and its* Principles, Mammon Precepts, and Powers, *are therefore nigh*, To be Driven and *Broken* to pieces, and *scattered*, as,—“The Chaff of the Summer threshing floors : and which the Winds shall carry away that *no Place* be found for Them.”

This Judgment and Prophecy will be found to apply to the Great *Fourth*, and the *Last* Kingdom ; that probably and apparently, will be allowed to be raised and established by the mere Devices and Powers of Men ; *As* the STONE AND POWER of the Kingdom from ABOVE, *shall smite and succeed it* ; *And* which as a great MOUNTAIN, is appointed to fill the whole Earth. Wherefore, the Rule and Government of this Heavenly Kingdom,—which *cannot be shaken*,—Is, fixed to stand, and to endure for ever ! Daniel ii.

In the early part of this present Year, 1847, There appeared in the Oxford University, City, and County Herald, an advertising notice, or, more especially and particularly an Article, 9th January, headed thus:—

“ A CHALLENGE TO DISSENTERS, OF WHATSOEVER  
DENOMINATION.”

‘ Can any *single* Authority be produced for a departure from the rule of the Church—for a violation of its unity—for a choice of leaders by whose names the several portions of Christ’s disciples should be distinguished? This, is, my Challenge to Dissenters of the present day.’

To this is added the annexed reference—

‘ As Bishop Jewel openly declared to the Romanists that he would subscribe to *their* Creed if they would produce *one single authority* from Scripture or antiquity for any of the false doctrines which they held: So do *I say now* to the Dissenters from the English Church, of *whatsoever Denomination*, that if they can produce *one* Scriptural proof, *or* one authority from the Fathers of the Church during the first Three hundred years, for Self-constituted Teachers—for renunciation of Episcopal rule and order—I will *cease* to complain of them for disturbing the peace and harmony of Christ’s Church.’

To all of the above is subscribed, the full signature,  
“ Dr. Copleston, Bishop of Llandaff.”

To Those who look to the Authority of the Scriptures for the *ascertainment* of the Truth of all



things; *This* boastful Summons and universal Challenge by the Bishop, will be *tested*, and brought to the *proof*. And, for this intent and purpose it is worthy of incipient remark, *that* precisely for the *first* Three Hundred Years of the Fathers, as stated;—The Rev. J. Brown, Dissenting Minister, *has produced authority* in his Theoretical Dictionary, *for renunciation* of the Doctrine of Episcopal rule and order:’ And most emphatically so, *respecting* the great point of what is called,—“The Apostles Creed,” *by* the Protestant State Church. Yet, the Rev. Dissenter has ably shewn that,—‘*during* the Lives of the Apostles,—no such Creed *was* either known or was even in existence; nor *invented*, till after that *very precise period*, of Three Hundred Years, in which *They* had lain Dead and in their Graves.’

But the main matter rests, and the chief point at momentous issue *consists*, in the premised *Menace*, and proposed *Question* by the Bishop, respecting,—

“A Choice of Leaders by whose Names the several portions of Christ’s disciples should be distinguished? This, *is my Challenge* to Dissenters of the present day.”

The Challenge is not only taken up, but as the time *is come* to test and prove,—Whether the Apostolic and Gospel Church, as formed and established under Christ, *shall* Lead, and Rule, and Govern Mankind?—Or whether, the State Church, formed by the Wisdom, and enforced by the Parliamentary power of Man,—shall continue *to Overrule* in the Kingdom of

God! or IN THE WORLD;—*now become*,—"THE LORD'S KINGDOM?" According as it is hoped, to the foretold *especial* Ordination; *and* the blessed Decree of Omnipotence, *as* so long ago *predicted and promised*.

Moreover the Bishop of Llandaff and all his Brethren and Confederates, are not merely Challenged; *but*, in the Name and Spirit of God, *are Defied* to show that the Church and State Kingdom of which they profess Membership, *is not now* in all its Ramifications and Developments, precisely, *and* in its last stage—*That* great and FOURTH Kingdom on which the Omnipotent God has denounced and decreed, specifically, by His Prophets *Daniel*, and the *Divine* St. John, *that*—all His severest Vengeance shall fall, and the jealousy of His Wrath and Indignation shall be poured out and shall be most *calamitously* visited upon it!!

And apparently, *Because*,—like the Israelites, They have been the DEPOSITARIES of His Laws and Ordinances; *and*, having had furthermore, for Example and Warning,—The indignant Judgment, and Out-cast of the Jews before their Eyes; and their Expulsion, *because* of their Dereliction and Forsaking of His Commandments. Notwithstanding, but like unto *them*, *They have turned aside*, and neglected, and despised;—His Precepts, His Ordinances, and His *expressed* Injunctions, especially *as seen* and written in His Sermon on the Mount. "Matt. v, vi, vii."

Wherefore, the time being come, and at hand to distinguish and *appreciate* the Two CHURCHES; and to test and prove *which* shall stand and bear Rule in

the due and forthcoming season, and in all future time.—Whether the Apostolic and Gospel Church *and its Institutes*, as formed *under* Christ shall now prevail?—Or whether the Protestant Church, and *its Articles* as formed of Man, and given *under* the Hand and Seal of the Blood-Thirsty and Cold-Blooded-Murderer and King,—Henry the VIIIth!—With whom, *his* Principle and Practice, *the then* POPE LEO THE Xth, was so much pleased and gratified that, He *requited* and sent him,—HIS DIPLOMA, constituting and appointing him, *as* King Defender of the Faith!—That Faith, which subtly and covertly avows the Essence of the Spirit, and Quintessence of the Phantom of Popery itself—*by* Substitution and *outré* adoption of HELL;—in its Liturgy, in place and rivalry of *Purgatory*.

Consequently, whichever *distinction* of Faith *so* constituted—Popish or Protestant, that the Pope could confer; (and inasmuch as any other Faith, or that of the Gospel and the Christian *is*, and must be out of the question, and therefore)—Is, just of as much consequence to Mankind and People; *as* if a Man after close searching, should find—A BUBBLE,—arising and produced *from*,—The mingled Salt and Water!—the blessed Ashes—and the Exorcised Lime and Sand—of Nottingham notoriety!!!

In addition to these *Exorcisms* by the Consecrating Bishop, Dr. Wiseman,—Let not the Prayer with which He concludes be overlooked or forgotten. In which Prayer and Petition, including Himself and other Papists, he says—

“ We beseech *thee*, O Lord, that *we may* worthily *touch* these Relics of thy Saints.”

Let this be considered and its relevancy compared, to the Teaching and Doctrine of ONE of the last of the Bible Prophets of the Omniscient God.—

“ Thus saith THE LORD OF HOSTS ; Ask now the Priests *concerning* the Law, saying,—

‘ If One bear Holy Flesh in the skirt of his Garment, and with his Skirt *do touch* bread, or pottage, or wine, or oil, or any meat, Shall it be Holy ? And the Priests answered and said, No.

Then said Haggai, if *One that is* unclean *by* a Dead Body *touch* any of these, shall it be unclean ? And the Priests answered and said, It shall be unclean.

Then answered Haggai, and said, So *is* this People, and so *is* this Nation before me, Saith the Lord ; and so *is* every Work of their hands ; and *that* which They offer there *is* unclean.’ ” Haggai ii. 11—14.

But as to the Church of Papists, and of ROME ; *as* being their especial residence, and the *recognised* Territory of *Idolaters* :—THE PROPHECIES of God pay no more respect or condescension of notice, *than* to Mahometans, or any other Apostate, IDOLATROUS, and Infidel Nations, save and except that, as ROMANISTS —*acknowledging*, and having THE SCRIPTURES in their hands ;—They *justify* Idolatry, and Departure from the GOSPEL admonitions, and its saving Principles ; And *thereby* Heighten the *denounced* Judgment on Themselves. Yet, the Estranged Violators *are all included* under the Name and title of the Gentile

World ; out of which if any Soul of Man is converted, *selected*, and withdrawn ; It is as it were, by Miracle, and, as written,—*entirely*,—"By the Grace of God that it is saved."

Turning now again to the Prophetic and the Scripture revelation of the latter day Kingdom, and its consummatory Powers as appointed and decreed to bear Rule and Government over Mankind, and in all the Earth : And which Kingdom according to decree shall be manifested, and *then only* be understood, *even* at the time of its taking effect and being accomplished in all its *Local* bearings and *Personal* applications.

The latter part of the Prophecy just before referred to, is altogether elucidatory, and perfectly in point, as saith the Prophet,—

"Speak to Zerubbabel, governor of Judah, saying, *I* will shake the Heavens and the Earth ;

And *I* will overthrow the Throne of Kingdoms, and *I* will destroy the Strength of the Kingdoms of the heathen ; and *I* will overthrow the Chariots, and Those that ride in them ; and the Horses and their Riders shall come down, every One by the sword of his Brother.

*In that day*, saith The Lord of Hosts, will *I* take *Thee*, O Zerubbabel, my servant, the son of Shealtiel ; saith the Lord, and *I* will make thee as a *Signet* : for *I have* chosen *Thee*, saith the Lord of Hosts.<sup>2</sup> Haggai ii. 21—23.

*Thus it appears*, The consummation of the latter day Prophecy is foretold, and decreed.

For further illustration, and immediate bringing to the Test, The Great Fourth Kingdom, *which* unquestionably has been above all other,—The chief and principal Depositum of the Laws of God, and Ordinances of Heaven ; and supposed bearing of the Ark of the Covenant, like unto the Jewish Nation and People ; but like unto Those *once* favoured Possessors, through negligence and inadvertence It has been sequestered, and the Blessings of its Godly and Heavenly Protection become, forfeited and lost.

As a striking and glaring proof of Apostacy, and *striving* against the Gospel Code and Ordinances *as* they are written, and promulgated—We may efficaciously advert to the University Professors, and Scholastic Doctors of Divinity, *as* so called of Themselves in the present day.

A notable Triumvirate of Professing D.D.'s, is presented and announced, by The Regius Professor, R. D. Hampden, D.D. and CANON of Christ Church Oxford ; and which is reported and published in his 'Eleventh Lecture on the Thirty-nine Articles of the Church of England.'

At Page 25, The Regius Professor commences his Annotations respecting the interpretation of the Articles, and says, that in the first instance,—

“In using them as a guide and index to *our* Theological inquiries, we must be careful above all, not to *sophisticate* our guide—we must understand them plainly, according to their direct import”—

“For my part, I know of no *reference* which we are

entitled to make *for* the understanding of the Articles *but* Scripture itself. By the test of Scripture, accordingly, they are themselves to be tried."

Let this acknowledgment be remarked, and *continually* borne in mind, in regard to what the Regius Professor further advances, and ventures to affirm on the subject.

In carrying the Test to Page 36, it is seen that The Rev. Professor, D. D. and Canon, of Christ Church *presumes*, and ventures, and dares to say of the Articles,

'As a *system* of Theology, *they aim* at a precision of statement *beyond* that of the Scriptures themselves, (!) and employ therefore peculiar or technical terms; that is, terms *either invented* for the purpose, or taken from common sense, *and* restricted to a *peculiar theological sense*.'

After these *forced*, Self-raised, and apparently vain Ideas, the Rev. Dr. H. proceeds (p. 39.) to surmise and question,—'Whether the Articles may be assented to or subscribed with *any* reserve or qualification,—such as,—“*So far* as they *are* agreeable to Scripture, or to the teaching of the Catholic Church.’ ”

The Metropolitan Bishop would have *thus* interposed, and propounded a Palliative, or kind of a probable Caveat *that*, The Articles *were* subscribed to, with a compunctious, or conscientious feeling,—*in so far*, as *They were* in accordance with Scripture?

But the Rev. Oxford Dictator rejects and scouts the *leaning* to such Authority, and proceeds to say—

“It is undoubtedly, a very right Principle in itself, that nothing should be received but what is agreeable to Scripture. But *this* principle, has no place, (!) *when* we come to the business of Subscription (! !)—

‘You *then* take up the Articles as *your* interpretation of Scripture ;—You are not *then* entitled to return on your former ground, and say, You approve of the Articles, “so far as *They* agree with Scripture.’”—

A pretty smart aim this, and as it may appear,—A direct, or intentional knock down blow to Those, who look to God and the Scriptures ?

And for further corroborative Authority *saieth* the Oxford Divine !—Thus, Bishop Conybeare very justly observes :—

“The Scripture is not here to be considered as explicatory of the Articles, *but*, ‘OUR ARTICLES as explicatory of Scripture ;’ (!) and therefore THE CHURCHES SENSE, *in the Articles subscribed*, is not to be determined by considering Scripture, (!!) *but* ‘HER SENSE OF SCRIPTURE, is to be determined *by* considering THE ARTICLES!!!”

There, There, There !—You *reasoning, hesitating, pitiable* Protestants, what think you of that ? And of *your plebeian* Faith and Belief in God and the Scriptures, which You may have *learned* from Parents or Country Schoolmasters ; and perhaps of a Gospel Fisherman, a Publican, or a Tentmaker, *taught* of God ?

What of that, in Comparison of *our* Erudite, Scholastic, and UNIVERSITY acquisitions of Science and



Wisdom—drawn from the Fathers, *and the Learned of the World* in Hebrew, Greek, and Latin !

Yet, to allay the thirst of question and enquiry, and to quench all disputations ;—The Reverend and Learned Professor Dr. Hampden proceeds, and furthermore adds and says,—

“ No qualification therefore, no restriction is to be admitted, *in the act of Subscription* to the Articles, *however* drawn from ‘ *Pious considerations*’ of what *is due* to Scripture.” (!!)

So then, having once *plunged* into Subscription to the Articles, whether unwittingly, doubtfully, or wilfully—or even of having been *inveigled* and dragged into the MESH and SNARE—there is *then* no retrieve, *no admission* of a charitable or ‘ *pious*’ compunction for having outstepped, or unwarily having been *Seduced* into Subscription ! You have *then* surrendered up your Soul and your Conscience, to the Spirit and Power of the Articles!! And you must therefore, abide the consequences, and *adhere* to the Items, and Innuendos—Your Oaths—Your *weapons* of War and Contentiousness ;—And Your *Belief* of the going down into Hell!?

To all of which Articles as you have *sworn* to maintain ; you must *fight* your way down as best you may. For, according to *our Church Article*, the Third,—We assert and persist to demand, *that*, “ It is to be believed, that Christ went down into Hell.”—

Notwithstanding His own Words to the contrary, *and* His blessed Assurance *on the Cross*, to His Elected

One, that They should Both *Depart* that day into Paradise.

The Doctrine will serve to Denominate, to *separate*, and to mark and distinguish *Paradisites* from *Hellites*—or Believers in Christ's Gospel Testimony of PARADISE; *apart* from the Advocates of *Descent* into HELL, by Church Dictators and Professors.—

That the ALMIGHTY would deliver, and CHRIST himself preserve *all*, even every One of Those that *are* His, *from* the Imposition and Fatality of such Priestly State and Church *doctrine*!—Let every Believer in JESUS *unceasingly* pray.—And confidently trust in the *true and faithful* Doctrine of his Saviour and Redeemer; *relying* upon His gracious Words and *certain Promise* ON THE CROSS:—And nearly His last Words, and expiring Breath in the Earth.

Nevertheless, says the Rev. Professor of Christ Church, Oxford,—The Articles of OUR SUBSCRIPTION admit of no stay or drawback, or *pretence* of turning to any *leniency* of the Scriptures, by *any* 'pious' Afterthought, or liability of feeling of *transgression*.

And for further proof, The Rev. Regius Professor of Christ Church, *asseverates*,—"The Articles *are* themselves the Interpreters of what *is* CATHOLIC. When we come to subscribe them, WE have *Decided* that, *They are Catholic*."

Moreover, for testimony and confirmation of the professing Orthodoxy of the *Articled-State-Church*, The other Member of the very conspicuous Triumvirate,—DR. ELBRINGTON, is called up and adverted to,—Whose

Doctrine and Principle the Rev. Regius of Oxford *seeks* to assimilate and unite, *and* to set forth and to show that,—**THEY** *are* Unitedly and Sentimentally as one and the same.

In Page 42, Dr. Hampden says, ‘I may refer you to a Sermon of Dr. Elrington, the Regius Professor of Divinity at Dublin, in which **HE** shews the Identity of Principle between Those, who are now advocating a So-called Catholic interpretation of the Articles, and Those who, sixty or seventy years ago, *Petitioned* for a Relaxation *from* Subscription, *on* the alleged ground *that* the Articles *were* required to be signed, in “Such sense *only*, wherein they *are* agreeable to Scripture.’”

‘The arguments of both Classes, **DR. ELRINGTON** justly observes,—“*Are* precisely similar.—The answer to both is the same.”

And Dr. Elrington, The Regius Professor at Dublin, *furthermore* adds and says—

“The question is,—*not* How far **THE CHURCH** follows Scripture *or* Tradition, or how far she is guided in her interpretation,—*but* what is,—*The Sense SHE has affixed to SCRIPTURE.*” !!!

What sense the Articled Church has *affixed* to Scripture! *That say*, The assumed D. D.’s *is* to be received, adhered to, and followed!—If they had said,—As the Commandments of Men the Articles are to be *submitted to* for the time being in which they *are* permitted and suffered;—*That* might have been accepted, *as* being *according* to the Scriptures; which enjoin *submission* to the Authorities, and to the Powers

that be, forasmuch, as they are ordained, ‘*For the punishment of Evil doers ;*’ therefore it is written that, Resistance thereto *is* at the peril of damnation.

But evidently, Woe will betide the Man *that* receives THE ARTICLES for Doctrine of Salvation ! In preference to the Tenets, *and* in opposition to the Precepts, *and* the Ordinances of the GOSPEL.

A Believer in the Scriptures will therefore ardently pray, as did David against Priestcraft, and that God would *turn* the Counsel of every *treacherous* Ahithophel into foolishness.

Yet it should seem, and it is now in proof, *that* The Articles are so sown *and* rooted in the Protestant System, and Constitution of its Laws and Ordinances ; *that* BAPTISM by its Articles *is made* by its Archbishops and Bishops,—*an indispensable condition*; Qualification; and the only allowable CREDENTIAL to teach the Scriptures of the God of Heaven ! Or to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ !!

For which pretence and purpose of the Mundane and Priestly Credential, *the* present Prussian Bishop of Jerusalem was primarily sent over, and called upon to be *ordained, sanctified, and Baptized* with the Protestant Articles, by the PRIMATE and Bishops of England, to qualify Him to introduce, to promote, and establish a Protestant Church at Jerusalem !!

Nevertheless, as God is True, and *his* Word is Truth ; which testifies and declares, *if Men*, or any Man saith Christ, teach or preach for Doctrine the Commandments of Men,—“ *In vain* They do worship Me.” Matt. xv. 9.—Mark vii.

Therefore it follows that, *Inherently* imbibing and *Retaining* the Articles; *thereby*, contending *and* disputing for the DOUBLE DOCTRINE, which can *never* Coincide; which Christ *has* Excommunicated, *and* so far has *Anathematized*! Consequently it appears, and, THAT IT IS *an insuperable bar* to the obtaining from ABOVE, the essential BAPTISM of the Holy Ghost!

And which BAPTISM OF THE SPIRIT *if* not acquired of God;—And God himself hath declared that,—

“HE will not *grant or give* HIS GLORY to Another :”

*Not* to any Church, *but* that of His own formation,—*The Gospel Church*, without sufferance of addition, *or* diminution by Men.

How is it possible *then* for Mankind to confer upon any One *that* which God *withholds*! or, that They can bestow on Others *that*, which they Themselves have never received?

Oh, the wretched quibbling that is *now afloat* among Controversialists, especially of the Protestant Clergy, and the turmoil of confusion, they *are* righteously involved and cast in, *respecting* their professed Baptismal *Article* of Regeneration! Chiefly deduced from the circumstance of Our Saviour Jesus, having said to His Disciples,—

“Suffer little Children *to come* unto *Me*, and *forbid* them not : for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven.” Luke xviii. 6.

For exemplification, and for the most important consideration of His Disciples,—present and future—The Apostle has recorded—

“Jesus called a little Child unto Him, and set *him* in the midst of *them*,

And said, VERILY I say unto You, *Except Ye be converted, and become as children, Ye shall not enter into the Kingdom of Heaven.*

WHOSOEVER therefore shall *humble himself as this little child*, The same is greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven.” St. Matt. xviii. 3, 4.

The Baptism of Jesus Christ is manifested especially, in that he ordained and commanded His Disciples that They should tarry, *and wait at Jerusalem until They should be Endued with Power from ON HIGH ; before, They should proceed and undertake, or presume to go out to Teach.* And the Apostles, and His *other Disciples* did so wait till,—

“The day of PENTECOST was fully come, and being of one accord in one place ; *Suddenly* there came A Sound from Heaven, as of a rushing Mighty Wind, *where* They were sitting. And they were ALL filled with the Holy Ghost, and *began to speak with other Tongues as THE SPIRIT gave them utterance.*”

Thus was fulfilled, by the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, the double promise of *both* the Father and the Son ; *that*, HE would send,—

“The Promise of the Father unto them, and *then* They should receive Power, *after* that the Holy Ghost was come upon Them.” Acts i.—ii.

How little *this* Heavenly BAPTISM, Gift, and Qualification has to do with the Worldly Institute, and the presumptuous—*Indispensable condition of Subscrip-*

*tion to the Articles,* as set up *and* prescribed by the *Parliamentary* Bishops, and the University Doctors of especial *notoriety* ; And which *indispensable condition*, was lately administered by the Archbishop of Canterbury and other Bishops, as a *binding Credential* and preliminary *warrant* of Worldly Power to the Prussian Bishop and Missionary—*must* and will 'ere long be put to the fullest Test ; *and* be submitted and brought to a fearful proof.

The effectual Baptism of the Spirit from ABOVE,—*vouchsafed* through the Saving Faith of the Gospel Precepts,—*is* clearly manifested and perpetually *Testified*, throughout *the Book* of The Acts of the Apostles.

And in the instance of Christ's Disciple, PHILIP, *before* he would baptise the Ethiopian with the Baptism which he asked and sought for ; He questioned him and said unto him—

“ If thou *believest* with all thine Heart, *thou mayest.*”  
And he answered and said,—I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.”

And immediately, upon *this* Confession of his Faith, both Philip and the Eunuch went down *into* the Water, and He baptised him. Acts viii. 26—38.

Where is the relevance of *this* Baptism by the Apostle, to the doctrine of the XXVIIth Article ?—

As taught and enjoined among Others, *by* the mere Humanly and Self-devised Articled State-Church of Man, and Mammon !

Instead of receiving, *as signified*,—‘ A Mark of diffe-

rence and a sign of Regeneration, and *adoption* to be the Sons of God by the Holy Ghost.'—

How notoriously 'to the contrary is the case of Infants baptized under the Article ; at least of the Thousand Thousands of Children so baptized,—*afterwards becoming*, (according to Mans' best Judgment,) the Servants of Satan, the willing Slaves, *and hardened Serviles* of the God of this World ? *Rather* than the recognised Sons, *and* the Inheritors of the Kingdom of God and Heaven !

But the Priesthood of Men have presumed to form and establish *their* Church-Article of Regeneration by Baptism, *under* the pretence of sanction and authority of the words of Christ ;—*because*, “ He took up little Children in his Arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them.”

After such sort and forcible manner, The Protestant Bishop of Oxford ; *and moreover*,—The Chancellor *Priest Bishop* of The Tutelary Swindler, St. George of England !—has presumed to magnify the Appearance of Jesus in an Upper-room to the Eleven Apostles as they sat at Meat or Supper ; *into* a pretext for Building Temples, Churches, and Chapels without end or number ! He therefore *so* justifies Christ's appearance in an Upper Chamber ; and which *is seen* in his Sermon of Dedication of a New Church to *his* Popish Priestess, St. Catherine ! Notwithstanding the *Discountenance of all the Scriptures*, Old and New.

Yet however and shortly,—The Mundane Principles of both Papists and Protestants, and of all Sectarian



Professions of all Men will be brought forward to Test and Manifestation, and to *the proof* that,—Neither *Priest*, or *Layman* can render DOUBLE-SERVICE; or be Servant, or Priest of *both* God and Mammon.

But so likewise, *even*, after the same kind and manner of Priestly subservience, *have* the Romanists *perversely* and rashly proceeded in Dedication of Images, and consequent Idolization :—and chiefly in the instance of the Virgin, under the *pretence* of sanction and authority for so doing, *because* GABRIEL, the Angel of the Lord said unto the Virgin Mary,—

“ Hail, *thou* that art highly favoured, The Lord is with Thee : Blessed *art* thou among Women.” Luke i. 28.

*This*, the Roman Catholics to their confusion, their shame, and *their reproach* have grossly *perverted* into an irreverent, or even blasphemous *ascription before God*, of the Virgin being Queen of Heaven! *Thus* bringing the Curse of the God of Heaven *upon* their own Souls.—

For the truth hereof, and of the wilful rebellious, Provoking and aggravating *wickedness*, as so pronounced; and for undeniable, irrevocable, and *condemnatory* proof,

—See the *testimony* of the Prophet Jeremiah, “ Chapter xlv. 16—28.”

Moreover, and not recollecting, *or* taking heed what The Father of *all* the Living hath said and promised to His Beloved Son, *Our Saviour*, *Priest*, King and God, that—

“When all things shall be subdued unto Him, THE FATHER,—*then* shall THE SON *also* himself be subject unto him *that* put all things under him, That GOD may be ALL IN ALL.” 1 Cor. xv. 28.

Therefore, assuredly there is *no* sufferance or toleration of Queen, in the Kingdom of God! or even Name of a Rival Competitor, *or* of a Pope in Heaven!!

How is it that PAPISTS, acknowledging and professing and persisting, with all their *assumed energy*, plausibility, and hardihood, *that*,—THE POPE is their Lord God!!!—How is it then, that THEY have not given *him*, His proper KINGLY TITLE, *and* put the Crown upon his Head which He may rightly claim at their hands, *as* being Professionably and allowably,—KING OF PURGATORY? This is, *avowedly* their Habitation, their Home, and their Dwelling place; *Under* their chosen Master, and their exalted LORD GOD THE POPE! And *where* with all the Catholicity of the Papistry, *and* its last Unction!—*to Purgatory* they are consigned!!

And *where* all the Souls of Papists, or Fraternity of the Associates and *Self-willed Idolaters*; are by *Priests* delivered up to Abide, and *are* committed; and *where* by *Priests* they are imprisoned. And no doubt,—if once in Purgatory—Not all the mass of their Exorcists Prayers!—*but in utter contempt* of all their multiplied *Money Offerings* and Petitions—All the SOULS must there remain, *without release*, till their awful and final Fate, *at Doomsday*.

Wherefore, leaving Roman Catholics to themselves,

as God has left them ;—like unto Pagans and all other Apostates and *wilful* Worshippers *before Images and Idols* !—It is therefore by Miracle, and of the express Act, by interposition *alone* of the Almighty; *if*, any Soul escapes the Fangs, and is delivered *out of* the Snares of their Delusions.—Especially *where* the SCRIPTURES are *Interdicted* and forbidden, and their Light *sequestered* ; So that, *They* may be *construed*, and *made* to bend, and *subserve* to their Worldly and Mammon purposes of interpretation.

But the especial point and the all-important matter for consideration and contemplation of Mankind, is, Concerning the Nation and Kingdom to which THE PROPHECIES *do apply*, and the People to whom *They do refer*—Nominally and expressly,—The Inhabitants of the GREAT FOURTH KINGDOM, precisely termed,—The Kingdom of the Beast and his Image.

Respecting which Kingdom and People, of the *latter day Babylon*, that Great City *fallen*, and when become fallen—The Proclamation has gone forth *from Heaven* with a *loud Voice*, saying,—

“ If any Man worship the Beast and *his* Image, and receive *his* Mark in his Forehead, *or* in his Hand,—

*The same* shall drink of the *wine of the wrath* of God, which is poured out *without mixture* into the Cup of his *Indignation* ; and He shall be Tormented with Fire and Brimstone in the presence of the Holy Angels, *and* in the presence of the Lamb :

And the Smoke of their torment ascendeth up *for*

ever and ever : and they have *no rest* Day nor Night, *who* worship the Beast and his Image, *and* whosoever receiveth the *mark* of his Name." Rev. xiv. 8—11.

It is not possible for Man *to conceive the extent* of this terrible judgment from God : *or* How he can bear up under it ! *And* for ever ! !—

Nor on the other hand, is it in the Power of Man to conceive and estimate, or to imagine the Blessings, which God *has provided* for Those that Believe in his Word and Promises. *But*, to buoy up his Hope, and make *joyful* his view and Faith—

"It is written,—Eye hath not seen, nor Ear heard, neither have entered into the Heart of Man, the Things which God *hath prepared* for Them that love Him."

Yet, the Spiritually endowed Apostle still adds and says—

"But God *hath* revealed them unto Us, *by* his Spirit : for The Spirit *searcheth* all things, yea, the *deep* things of God." 1 Cor. 11—9, 10.

Mankind are universally called upon and exhorted,—"To Believe *not* every Spirit, but *try* the Spirits whether They *are* of God : *because*, MANY false Prophets are gone out into the World." 1 John 14. 1.

And as all passing Circumstances of the present Time and Days, *indicate*, and most *evidently proclaim*, and serve *to confirm all the Prophecies* ; and make manifest that the World *is ripe* for all the Forewarned and the Foretold, and the *fearful* judgments which shall come upon *it* :—And especially so, by the Last

and the Highest of all Prophets, *even* Jesus Christ himself, *who testifieth*,—

“Of the things which *must* shortly come to pass, and which He has signified by His Angel to His servant John.

Who bare record of the Word of God, and of the Testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things which he saw.”

‘Blessed is He that *readeth*, and They that *Hear* the Words of *this* Prophecy to the Seven Churches.’

“He that hath an Ear, let him *hear* what THE SPIRIT saith unto THE CHURCHES.”—

“He that overcometh, will I grant to sit *with Me* in my Throne even as I also overcame, and *am* set down with my Father in *His* Throne.”—

To the Angel of the Church in Philadelphia write ; —“These things saith He that is Holy, He that is True, He that hath the Key of David, He that *openeth*, and no Man *shutteth* ; and *shutteth* and no Man *openeth* ;

I know thy works : Behold, I have set before Thee an open Door, *and* no Man can shut it : for Thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my Word, and hast not denied my Name.

BEHOLD, I will make Them of the *Synagogue of Satan* which say They *are* Jews, and *are* not, but *do lie* ; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy Feet, and to know *that* I have loved thee.

*Because* thou hast *kept* the Word of my patience, *I also* will keep Thee *from* the hour of Temptation,

which shall come upon all the World, to Try them that dwell upon the Earth.

Behold, I come quickly: Hold that fast which thou hast, *that* no Man take thy Crown.

Him that overcometh *will I make* a Pillar in the Temple of my God, and He shall go no more out: And *I will write* upon Him the Name of my God, and the Name of the CITY of my God, *which is* NEW JERUSALEM, which cometh *down out of Heaven* from my God: and *I will write upon him* MY NEW NAME.

He that hath an Ear, let Him hear what THE SPIRIT saith unto the Churches." Rev. iii. 7—13.

And now most apparently, that the Time is nigh and assuredly at hand, when, 'The Seventh and last Vial of God's wrath and jealousy, *shall, and will be, Poured out into the Air!*'

And immediately as it takes place, it is thereupon proclaimed—

"There came *A great Voice* out of *the* Temple of heaven, from *the* Throne, saying, IT IS DONE." Rev. xvi. 17.

Upon which *signal* stroke of the Indignant, and wrathful Judgment of God poured out,—

"There were Voices, and Thunders, and Lightnings; and there was a Great Earthquake,—*Such as was not since Men were upon the Earth*, so Mighty an Earthquake, *and so great.*"

Which Earthquake appears unquestionably, as irresistibly and *incipiently*, to be the Effect of the 6th

Vial, and Consummation of the Sixth Angel having gathered,—‘The Three Unclean Spirits, which go forth *unto* the Kings of the Earth *and* of the whole World,—*to the battle* of that great day of God Almighty.’—

“ And He gathered Them *together* into a Place called in the Hebrew tongue ARMAGEDDON.”—

And which also very feasibly, may be construed, and *truly* designated, TOPHET ;—*where* the Souls and Bodies of the People *are* Disposed of, and *Destinated*.—And WHERE, most especially,—THE BATTLE of that great Day of God Almighty, *against* the Dragon, the Beast, and the False Prophet will be *fought*. And *until*, the calamitous Visitation *and* falling of the Vengeance of HIS consummatory Judgment comes to pass ;—and as it is written,—

“ Every Island *fled away*, and the Mountains *were not found*.”

Which evidently signifies and implies—Every High and Ostensible formation and Confederacy of Ruling Power ‘fled away ;’ And the Highest of the Mountainous *or* Executive Powers of the Great Legislative and Worldly Kingdom, ‘*were not found*.’—ALL became dispersed and werescattered as ‘Chaff before the Winds.’

“ And there fell *Upon Men*, a great Hail out of Heaven, *every Stone* about the *weight* of a Talent.” (Verse 21.)

It scarcely admits of a doubt *that*, THIS HEAVY INFLECTION of Punishment, *proceeds* from the Political heaven of Men, *and* of their Power to punish One Another of their own Species.

When this *impending* STORM, and *forthcoming* burst of TEMPESTUOUS VISITATION, (with *vexatious* Indignancy) *breaks* out of *The heaven of Men*—It will incontestibly try, and effectually prove to the Quick—every Priest, and every Layman *implicated* and concerned—*whose* Servant he is. *Whether* he is a Friend, a Voter, and a Supporter of the Kingdom of the BEAST and his IMAGE!—Or whether he is, and will be *exempt* from his Service; and *has* delivered, or will *seek* to Deliver and free his Soul from the *Bondage*?

The momentous juncture and Critical period at hand, will clearly *determine* the Dominant Principle of the Prophetically, *Great Fourth Kingdom*; and its *source and root of Evil* as found, in the outset; but which, the Infatuation and Dogmas of Men, have set and established, *for* their incipient principle of Good for all things. However, as a final SHIBBOLETH,—to test and *prove* all the People, it appears that,—The Elective Franchise-Evil-Oath-Spirit of Speaking before Men, is about to go forth, *universally*. And which, *like*,—“THE FLYING ROLL, as spoken of by the Prophet, Zechariah, *is*,—The appointed Curse that goeth forth *over* the Face of the whole Earth.—And which, *saith*, THE LORD OF HOSTS, shall Cut *off* every One *that* Stealeth *as* on the one side; and every One *that* Sweareth falsely by MY NAME *as* on the Other side.”—Zechariah vi.

And *Since*, The Lord of Hosts and God over All, *has* appointed His anointed Christ, *as*—The only Law-



giver to Men ; it follows, *that*, as Jesus Christ, the *alone* Saviour of Man, has *denounced* the Custom of Swearing, and Oath-taking ; *and* pronounced that, 'it cometh of evil ;' therefore, every such Appeal is false and insulting, *and* its assumed Solemnity *contemptible* and rejectable *before* HIM.

Still however, the accursed Stimulative, and the Enthusiasm of that *Anti-Christian Spirit* which Mankind have adopted ; is allowed to go forth, *That* it may serve, *and* it will serve to Identify, *and* mark all its Votaries ; even of their *Registration*, to whom They belong, and to whom they render themselves *as* Servants, *as* Slaves, *and as* *Serviles* to follow after, and to obey.

Those who look beyond *this* momentous, eventful, and *determinate* Crisis ; and Hope to find the Registration of their Names in the Book of Life,—*obtained* through Faith in the *Precepts of the Gospel* and the Words of God and Christ:—*They* will *not now* be dismayed *in avowing* their *sole* Belief, and their open standing *in* the profession of the *Vitality* ; and of bearing *Testimony*,—to all *those* SCRIPTURAL TRUTHS.

They will also *renounce* every Church-Articled-Doctrine, and Mass-Book, *containing*, OBTRUSIVE COMMANDMENTS and Precepts of Men ; which justify *the desertion* of the plainest Injunctions, and the first Principles, and most essential STAMINA of the Christian Dispensation.

The prominent and commencing Aberration and Desertion, is first strikingly seen, *in* making light of

the Divine Teaching and Dictation of the **HEAVENLY DOCTRINE**, AND the **COMMAND** of the all-sufficiency of Truth-speaking, (exclusively of Oaths) in *All Communications* and concerns between Men.

Nevertheless the wisdom of Men *resists*, and steps forward to Institute and Demand *an Oath* to satisfy *Them*, and in all things, for every material and practical good and purpose. And thus, They Selfishly exult *and* triumph in the **SUPERIORITY** of their own Device, and **RIVALRY** of the Christian Ordinance; —*Holding* in rejection and contempt, *its* Sovereign Potency, Power, and Efficacy.

Much like, and after the manner of The notable *moralist*, Robert Owen, who publicly professes, and as it appears, very lately *repeats* his Dislike, and *hatred* of profession of Religion—Maintaining, and attempting to make manifest *that*, Man is endowed with an all-sufficient and equitable right Principle within himself, for every purpose of Good.

And therefore He seeks, and *vainly* seeks to acquire *a perfect System* without Christ, and of the honour due to Him; *who has however already*, formed and established *that System* for the Faithful and the Elect.—

Although as an *Unbeliever*, the Faithless Moralist cannot be permitted to perceive and understand it. Which **KINGDOM** however, cannot be shaken, *or any* of His Words removed in support *and* preservation thereof; *and* for ever.

Yet the Unbelieving Moralist, *it appears*, arrogantly

strives to impress on Mankind that, *They* need not the *continual* Appeal, and acknowledgment of *the* Benediction; *and* perpetual attribution thereof to God and Christ !

Wherefore, the Ingratitude and Dereliction of Principle; which *is also* most manifestly *become general* among Men:—there is therefore, every reason to apprehend and to Believe that, the Prophecy *is* fulfilling, and will soon be fulfilled *according* to the Enlightened, the Excellent, and the Super-eminently endowed Prophet, ISAIAH; *and* of his *thus* Prophesying and saying,—

“BEHOLD, The Lord maketh the Earth empty, and maketh it waste, and turneth it upside down, and scattereth abroad the Inhabitants thereof.

And it shall be, *as* with the People, *so* with the Priest; *as* with the Servant, *so* with his Master.—

The Land shall be utterly emptied, and utterly spoiled: *for* the Lord hath spoken this word.

The Earth mourneth, and fadeth away, the WORLD languisheth *and* Fadeth away, the *Haughty* People of the Earth *do languish*.

The Earth also is defiled, under the Inhabitants thereof; *because*, They have *transgressed* the Laws, *changed* the Ordinance, *broken* the Everlasting Covenant.

Therefore hath the Curse devoured the Earth, *and* they that dwell therein are desolate: therefore the inhabitants are burned, and few men left.—

Fear, and the Pit, and the Snare, *are* upon thee, O Inhabitant of the Earth.—

The Earth *shall reel* to and fro like a Drunkard, *and* shall be removed like a Cottage ; and the Transgression thereof shall be *heavy* upon it ; and it shall fall, *and not* rise again.

And it *shall* come to pass in that Day, *that*, The Lord shall punish The Host of the High Ones *that are* on High, *and* the Kings of the Earth upon the earth.

And *they* shall be gathered together, *as* Prisoners are gathered in the pit, *and* shall be shut up in the Prison, *and* after many Days *shall* they be visited.

Then *the* MOON shall be confounded, and *the* SUN ashamed, *when* THE LORD OF HOSTS shall Reign in Mount Zion, and in Jerusalem; and before His Ancients *gloriously*." Isaiah xxiv.

Unquestionably the *Political* Elementary and Earthly Sun, and Moon, *are here* by the Prophet Symbolically *signified* and alluded to ; and *hereafter*, the STARS in the Nether, and the Third Element.

And now, apparently, in this *last time*, and *last stage* of the Rule of the signally *defined* Image, and of the Government of the Little Horn, in the Sphere of the Starry Region—Whose whole Reign has remarkably been *as testified*, and specifically *foretold* that—

“ He shall think to change Times and Laws : and They *shall* be given into his Hand, *until* a time, and times, *and* the dividing of Time.”

“ But the Judgment *shall sit*, and They *shall* take away *his* Dominion, to consume *and* to destroy it unto the end.” Daniel vii. 25, 26.

Thus then is, at immediate issue of *manifestation*, which Power is true, *and* the strongest; *and* whose Words shall stand and *prevail* and take effect, —Those of God or Man.

Very clearly the Circumstances and Events of the late and present times, *afford* Self-evident *demonstration*, and *proof* of the PRESCIENCE of the God of Heaven, *respecting* the precise accomplishment of *His* Prophecy; and in the course of its *exact* fulfilment *as* it bears upon, and regards, 'The Great Fourth Kingdom;' and to which *exclusively*, It applies, and to no Other.

After the many Divisions, and alternate Divisions of *time* and space more or less, it indubitably appears, *in* these Months of June and July, 1847, *that*, the very last Division is being stretched out to the Verge and Eve of the appointed Consummation; *and* of being closely and quickly followed *by* the pouring out of the last and seventh Vial of Wrath into the Air! —which throws the whole Polity of the Kingdom into confusion—*previously foreboding* the Dissolving, the Scattering, *and* the Breaking to pieces of the systematized Fabrick, and brittle Constitution, *formed* by the science of Men. *And* in which ARENA has Shone the devoted, and the Prophetied LITTLE HORN of Power that last came up *in* the Great Fourth Kingdom;—*decreed* to Rule unto the time of *the end*. And which singularly defined One, has stoutly stood up *Therein*, for its support and preservation. Of whom it is also written *that*, He had *primarily* sub-

*died* THREE of the TEN HORNS that ruled in the Fourth Kingdom *before* him. And of the Person and estimation of the Little Horn, the Prophet incites and exhorts, saying,

“Behold, in this Horn *were* Eyes like the eyes of Man, *and* a Mouth speaking great things.—

And whose look *was* more stout than his Fellows. And the *same* Horn made War with the Saints, and *prevailed* against Them ;—

*Until* the ANCIENT OF DAYS came, and Judgment *was* given to the Saints of the MOST HIGH ; and the Time came *that*, The Saints possessed the KINGDOM.”  
Daniel vii.

Therefore, Believers in this blessed Assurance of THE MOST HIGH, *and* in His Promise of the glorious SUCCESSION to His Faithful Servants and Saints ; *and* especially MILLENARIANS *will* zealously seek the Fruition of *this*—His gracious and all-enduring BENE-DICTION ;—as written and recorded of their certain and sure *Possession* ; and as thus repeated,—

“And the Kingdom and Dominion, *and* the greatness of THE KINGDOM *under* THE WHOLE HEAVEN *shall* be given to THE PEOPLE of the Saints of The Most High, *whose* Kingdom *is* an Everlasting Kingdom, *and* all DOMINIONS shall serve and obey Him.”

Wherefore, as the time *is* arrived and at the Doors of fulfilment of the Promise, that,—

“The People of the Saints of the MOST HIGH *shall take* THE KINGDOM *and* DOMINION, and the *greatness* of the Kingdom *under* the whole Heaven : And the

Saints *shall possess* the Kingdom for ever, *even* for ever and ever." Dan. vii.—

He that hath said **THIS**, is **MIGHTY** to perform His Words and Promise, and, **NONE** can hinder ; *and* being a God of Truth,—it will certainly and assuredly take place and come to pass. Let therefore, **THOSE** who rely on the Faithfulness of their God ;—so rivet their Faith in Him,—hearkening unto, and believing the last *recording* Angel of His Voice, saying,—

"Behold, I come quickly : Hold *that* fast which Thou hast, That no Man *take* thy Crown." Rev. iii. 11.

And afterwards the Evangelist and Divine Re-vealer, says,—

"I saw Thrones, and *They* sat upon Them, and Judgment *was* given unto Them : and *I saw* the Souls of them that were *beheaded* for the *witness* of Jesus, and for the *word* of God ; and which had *not worshipped* the Beast, *neither* his Image, *neither* had received *his* Mark upon their Foreheads, *or* in their Hands ; and **THEY lived and reigned** with Christ a Thousand Years.

*But* the rest of the dead Lived *not* again, *until* the Thousand Years were finished. This is, The first Resurrection.

Blessed and Holy is *he* that hath Part in the first Resurrection : *on such* the *second* Death hath no power ; *but* **THEY, shall be**, **PRIESTS** of God and of Christ, and *shall Reign* with Him a Thousand Years." Revelations xx. 4, 5, 6.

Thus then, the **FAITHFUL receiving** the Consumma-

tion of their Faith and of their Inheritance; will rejoice with exceeding Thankfulness and Praise in becoming, *and* being *made* the PRIESTS OF GOD AND CHRIST; *according* to promise *by* HIM, the Giver of all good Gifts.

But respecting the perversely Obstinate, *and* wickedly Rebellious of *every* Sect and Degree, who *reject* the Word of God; and therewith, *causing* the Desolation and the Ruin of their own Souls.—

And especially, *turning* with open contempt, *from* Those that Bow *down* to Idols, and Worship *before* Images; *whether* of the Virgin Mary, or of Any, or whatsoever Saint or Saints: which *is* denounced and expressly *accursed*!

And as a last warning of the abhorrence and *contempt* of Worshipping, *even*, before Angels; we have for example and proof,—*the Prohibition* from the Angel of God from Heaven, to the *beloved* St. John, *who* would have fallen down before the Feet of the Angel to worship him; *In gratitude* for the gracious Communications and Heavenly Revelations, which *he* conveyed to the *glowing* Comfort of his Heart, and to the rejoicing and the *blessing* of his Soul.

But the *enraptured* Apostle was rebuked and reproved, by the Angel of the *Commission* from the Highest; and by his faithful saying unto the Evangelist in the strictest and most absolute manner,—and *in Command*,—

“*SEETHOU do it not*: for I am thy Fellow servant, and of thy Brethren the Prophets, *and* of Them which keep *the sayings* of this Book: WORSHIP GOD.” Rev. xxii. 9.



If it were possible to correct Papists, *and* convince Them of the *wilful* and *abandoned* INIQUITY of Saint Worshipping; and of the *perverse* Offence of setting up of Images, *and* of the Insult thereof, *before* God!—One would think *This* last rebuke, and final *protestation* by the ANGEL of the *presence*, of God *and* Christ; *and* sent with *Their* immediate Commission to the Evangelist;—and which *is* seen, In accordance *with* the very *First Verse* of his *inestimable* Revelations.—One would *therefore* imagine that, The Angel's *severe* and *positive* Prohibition of Worship; *even* to Himself; *and* his Authoritative Command of WHOM, *and alone* to Worship;—would be all-sufficient to deter all *Papists* of their *presumption*; and at the *fear*, and peril of *disobedience*? And therefore to effect, if it *were* possible, *and* to disperse their almost or nearly, —*Incorrigible* Spirit of *continuous* Affront, and *provoking* Insult of Offence, *before* their Creator and Maker.

However, letting that case be, as it appears, and most fearfully to be apprehended and believed as most true! Yet nevertheless, *leaving* all Delinquents, and all *wilful* Apostates to Themselves;—which *harden* themselves in their *abandoned* Apostacy!—How thankfully will BELIEVERS in the True and Faithful God, *receive*, The gracious Testimony of THE DIVINE, *and* the best beloved DISCIPLE of Jesus? And the *revelation* which by Command, He has Written and Delivered unto Them, and to *all* the Faithful, saying,—

“ I saw Heaven opened, and behold a WHITE HORSE; and HE that *sat* upon him *was* called Faithful and True, *and* in Righteousness he doth Judge and make war.

His eyes *were* as a flame of fire, And on his Head *were* many Crowns ; and he had A Name written, *that* no Man knew, but he himself.

And he *was* Clothed with a Vesture dipped in blood : and his Name *is* called THE WORD OF GOD.

And the Armies *which were* in Heaven followed him upon White Horses, *clothed* in fine linen, white and clean.

And out of his Mouth, *goeth* A SHARP SWORD, that *with it* he should smite the Nations : and *he shall* Rule them with a rod of Iron : *and* he treadeth the WINEPRESS of the *fierceness and wrath* of ALMIGHTY GOD.

And he hath *on* his Vesture and *on* his Thigh *a name written*, KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS." Rev. xix. 10—16.

How inconceivably glorious *and* blessed will be THIS REIGN of The King of Kings, and Lord of Lords *in the Earth* !—And which SOVEREIGNTY it appears, —according to *ancient* Prophecy, which *cannot fail* of fulfilment, —*will be* assumed *by* HIS chosen Representative *and* ordained Depute ; WHOSE mutual *and* united Reign will *thus* be displayed in the exercise of the Power of God's anointed ONE,—"THE BRANCH":—*appointed* to BUILD the Temple—THE SPIRITUAL TEMPLE OF THE LORD ! And HE shall be A PRIEST upon His Throne : and The "Counsel of Peace *shall be* between Them *both*." Zech. iii. 8.—vi. 13.

Mankind are universally exhorted to understand, *and* believe the Prophets of God ; MANY, however, rather wish *and* even strive to push away the under-

standing and knowledge thereof: To all such WORLD-LINGS, saith Jesus, the Saviour of Man,—

“If any Man hear my Words, *and* believe not, *I* judge him not:—THE WORD which I have spoken, THE SAME shall Judge him in the last day.”

How awful that Judgment will be, No Man can fathom, *or* can any One conceive and effectually appreciate; but ALL may read the Warning and Denunciation of the irretrievable *fate* of Unbelievers, and which awaits all Apostates; *as written* and recorded, by the Divine Evangelist and Prophet, saying,—

“I saw an Angel standing in *the Sun*; and he cried with *a loud voice*, saying to all the Fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, COME, and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God;

That Ye may eat the flesh of Kings, and the flesh of Captains, and the flesh of MIGHTY MEN, and the flesh of Horses, and of Them that sit on them, and the flesh of all Men, *both* free and bond, Both small and great.

And I saw the BEAST, (the decreed and numbered 666 by Name) and the *Kings* of the Earth, and *their Armies*, gathered together to make WAR *against* Him that sat on *the Horse*, and against His *Army*.

And *the Beast*, (as defined) was taken, *and* with *him* the *false Prophet* that wrought Miracles before *him*, with which *he* deceived *them* that had *received* the Mark of the Beast, *and* them that worshipped *his* Image. *These both* were cast *alive* into a lake of Fire, burning with brimstone.

And the *remnant* were slain with the sword of Him *that sat upon the Horse*, which SWORD proceeded out of *his Mouth*: and all the Fowls *were* filled with their Flesh." Rev. xix. 17—21.

Of this commencing Judgment *and* coming Fate at hand, Let all the learned Teachers of Mundane Principles and Doctrines of the Commandments of Men, look well to it; *and* need enough they have to tremble too. In connection with the subject, let Them *contemplate* the *great* Prophecy so long foretold by the Prophet, JOEL, *and* the Word of the Lord that came to him, saying,—

"Hear this, ye *old* men, and give ear, *all* ye Inhabitants of the land.—

"Lament, ye Priests: *Howl*, ye Ministers of the ALTAR.

"Alas for the day! for the Day of the Lord *is* at hand, *and* as a destruction *from* the ALMIGHTY shall it come.—

"Blow ye the *Trumpet* in Zion, and sound *an alarm* in My Holy Mountain: let all the Inhabitants of the land *tremble*—for the day of the Lord cometh, for *it is* nigh at hand.—

"THE SUN shall be turned into *darkness*, and the MOON into *Blood*, before the great *and* the terrible day of the Lord come.—

"Put ye in the Sickle, *for* the Harvest is ripe:—The Day of the Lord *is* near in the *Valley of decision*.

"The Sun and the Moon shall be darkened, and the STARS shall withdraw their *shining*."—

“ Egypt shall be a desolation.”

“ But Judah *shall* dwell for ever, and Jerusalem *from* Generation to Generation.” Joel i. ii. iii.

As the learned Bishops and the Rev. D. D.'s of Scholastic, University and College Tuition have before been *Challenged* ; so now again *are* Dr. Copleston, and all his Confrees and Confederates *put* to the Test to contradict *if* they can—*That* the present Protestant Kingdom *is not*, That Great Fourth Terrestrial, Sublunary, and Planetary System and Government : *whose* SUN shall be turned into Darkness, and MOON into Blood—the Habitation of the High Priesthood, the Abettors of *Blood-shedding*, and the Devisers of Thanksgiving Prayers *for* prosperity thereof.

And the STARS of their united third Element, as, being near to withdraw their *shining* ; And *but* barely suspended *during* the *eve* of Pouring out of the *Seventh Vial* into the Air !—*Proceeding* from the TEMPLE of the Great TOPHET ; and *from* their Assemblage in *that*, their ARMAGEDDON, and Proclaiming, —“ IT IS DONE.”

The Political *Elements* in the four Quarters being *dissolved*, and *therefore* cast, *into* their wonted Efferescence and turmoil ; will soon become *fanned* into flame and fire ; and according to the Prophecy, *They* shall *melt* with fervent *heat*. Even so, as recorded by the great and eminent Apostle,—The Elect and Rock of Christ, thus testifying,—

“ The Day of the Lord will come as a Thief in the

Night ; in the which *the* Heavens shall pass away *with a great Noise*, and *the* Elements shall *melt* with fervent heat, The Earth also and the *works* that are therein shall be Burned up." 2 Peter iii. 10.

Which awful and terrible explosion of Judgment *is* fully responded to and *confirmed* in the more elucidatory, and clear Exposition by the Divine Evangelist ; *and* by his Proclamation in Opening of the SIXTH SEAL, saying,—

" I beheld, and, lo, there was A great Earthquake ; *and the* SUN became *black* as Sackcloth of hair, and *the* MOON became *as* Blood :

And *the* STARS of heaven, *fell* unto the earth, even *as* a Fig Tree *casteth* her untimely figs, when she *is shaken* of a *mighty Wind*.

And *the* Heaven departed as A SCROLL when it is *rolled together* ; and every Mountain and Island *were* moved out of their places.

And the Kings of the Earth, and the Great Men, and the Rich Men, and the Chief Captains, and the Mighty Men, and every Bondman, and every Freeman, *hid themselves in the Dens*, and *in the Rocks* of the MOUNTAINS ;

And said to the Mountains and Rocks, *Fall on Us*, and Hide us from the face of HIM that sitteth on the Throne, *and* from the wrath of the Lamb :

For the great Day of *his Wrath is come* ; and *who* shall be able to *stand* ?" Rev. vi. 12—17.

*Before*, this tremendous Visitation comes to pass on the World, and befalls Mankind ! WE are graciously

instructed by the Divine and Heavenly Teacher and Revealer; *and* informed of the COMMAND which *was* given to the FOUR destroying Angels, *standing* on the *four* Corners of the Earth; *to restrain* and withhold their Power, *for an appointed time*. And to the Prophet *was* vouchsafed, *The* further and *the* blessed Revelation, to which He testifies and declares, *saying*,—

“I saw *another* Angel ascending from the East, *having* the Seal of the Living God; and *he* cried with a *loud Voice* to the FOUR ANGELS, to whom it *was* given to hurt the Earth *and* the Sea,

Saying, Hurt *not* the Earth, *neither* the Sea, *nor* the Trees, *till* WE have SEALED *the* Servants of *our* God in their Foreheads.”—

*This Suspense*, and interval of Sealing the Elect of God! How awful *and* heart-searching should it be considered? And which it appears, *and* manifestly so, that it Is,—*The present* momentous CRISIS of the striking, and the fixing, *and stamping* the indelible *Mark* in the Foreheads of the chosen, *and* the saved of the Most High!—

And, just *previously*, to the Pouring out of the Seventh Vial into the Air!—The effects of which *throws* the Worldly, the Political and Elementary Powers of Man *into* general Disturbance and Confusion, *in* the four Quarters of *the* Fourth Kingdom—*The* Kingdom of the Beast and his Image.—Thus, foreboding and forewarning of *the appointed*, the *consequent*, and the unavoidable *Dispersion* of all its Parts and Power.

The Divine and Heavenly Revealer still furthermore proceeds, and records, *saying*,—

“And I heard *the number* of Them which were sealed: *and there were Sealed* an Hundred and Forty and four Thousand of all the Tribes of the Children of Israel.

After *this* I beheld, and, lo, A great Multitude, which no Man could number, of all Nations, and Kindreds, and People, and Tongues, *stood before* the Throne, and *before* the Lamb, *clothed* with White Robes, *and* Palms in their Hands;

And cried with A Loud Voice, saying, SALVATION to our God which *sitteth* upon THE THRONE, *and* unto the Lamb.” Rev. vii.—

The important Question arises,—Who is the God of Man's Salvation *here* spoken of, *that sitteth* upon the Throne?—Or can it be any other but HIM, *whom* the Father has given *for* the Salvation of every Soul of Man that *is*, and that *shall* be saved?

How greatly have Men *erred* in their *Supposition*, and in their *Misinterpretation*, That,—THE FATHER is here declared *as sitting* on the Throne—*forgetting* that, all Power, Salvation, *and* Judgment *is*, First given unto the SON!—And not remembering *that*, of Old it is written and recorded,—

‘The Lord said unto His great Prophet, MOSES,—

“Thou canst not see My Face: *for* there shall No Man see Me, and live.” Exod. xxxiii. 20.

But the Divine Evangelist and Revealer, has specifically and minutely described, the PERSONALITY of



Him which *he saw*, and which is recorded in the *first* Chapter of his Revelations *from the 13th Verse*.

And afterwards in the *Fourth Chapter*, The Divine St. John has *revealed Him*, which *he saw*,—*Sitting upon His Throne* : And the Glory *whereof*, the Promulgator has *also* Displayed, Laid open, Announced, and Proclaimed.

But Commentators who have gone out in their Misconception, and *persist* in the dogmas of their Misinterpretations ;—it seems therefore, *not either* probable or possible that, *They* should discover, Or, be allowed to understand the Book of *the truth*, and *this* Prophecy. For much it may indeed be feared, *that*, *THEY are not inclined*, and *therefore* that, *THEY* neither *can* or will *bend* their Minds to consider, and humble Themselves to *Learn*, that, *THE LAMB* which appeared in the *midst* of the Throne *and* before the Elders *as slain* ; and which is spoken of and *revealed* in the *Fifth* Chapter,—*is not* Christ Himself, *which* they have *rashly* Conceived, *and* as hastily Professed.

But the Lamb which *is there* declared, and proclaimed, *by* the most Highly favoured, and best Beloved Apostle, St. John ; *is* the Lamb,—The Lamb *of the Son* of God. And *who*, Like unto Himself, *The Lamb* of the Father, was *also* slain.

The Heavenly revealing Prophet proceeds further to unfold and reveal, *the Lamb*, which, *after* Proclamation *by* the Angel of God, *was* seen and found : Although at first, and for awhile *after*,—The Loud Voice of the Angel,—‘ No One in Heaven, or in the

Earth was found *worthy* to take the Book out of the right Hand of Him,—the Lamb of God which *sat* on the Throne !' And because of which, St. John *was* grieved and wept ; *but* at length *was comforted*, in that, —He saw a Lamb, which, spiritually, *was* slain, *like* unto Jesus, *his* Saviour God ; and who *was* become and *made worthy*, to take the Book out of the Hand of Him *that was* upon the Throne.

No Man, *surely*, will have the Hardihood or *Blasphemy* to say, that Jesus the Son *and* the anointed Christ of God, *was not ever*, and always *worthy* of the Throne appointed for Him ? Therefore the Prophecy *cannot* apply to Him, *as* Coming, *and* taking the Book ; and because that, *It applies* to Himself, *as sitting* on his Throne. But, *It testifies* to One that likewise, *as* The Lion of the Tribe of Judah, *and* in Resemblance unto himself, *came*, and *was* Spiritually Ordained to take the Book : And to whom *alone*, Power was given to OPEN THE BOOK, *and* to UNLOOSE the Seven Seals thereof.

And which Lamb, *of* the Lamb and Son of God, *being likewise slain* ; and *thence* becoming, *and* being sanctified by the same Spirit of the Father—The Prophecy runs, and the Promise *is* given, that,—THEY shall Reign unitedly together, as THE Two and Faithful WITNESSES of the Most High God !—If there *be*, and that there is, *that*, can receive and understand it :—Let him, *according* to the Exhortation and Saying, *as* heretofore, in the case of Those *that had* made a sacrifice of Themselves *for* the Kingdom of Heaven's sake,—

“HE that is able to receive *it*, let Him receive *it*.”  
Matthew xix. 11, 12.

Wherefore, let every One that has a Heart and Mind to understand the consummatory Truths, *as recorded*—Let him Faithfully read *the entire FIFTH Chapter* of the Revelations, as written, *and* promulgated by the Blessed Revealer.

And furthermore let every *zealous* Student of the written truth, and of *this* Prophecy of God;—Let him contemplate THE RECORD of the Lamb which *was* seen *in the midst* of the Throne,—to be manifested in due time, and *distinguished* from Him,—and *not*, of Him that was also seen, to *sit* thereon. But *of Whom* it is proclaimed *that*,—

“HE shall feed *Those* that came out of great Tribulation, *and* have washed their Robes, *and* made them *white* in the blood of THE LAMB OF GOD, which *sat* on the Throne. And He that *is* in the *midst* of the Throne, even, He shall lead Them unto Living Fountains of Waters: and GOD shall wipe away all Tears from their Eyes.” Rev. vii.

Shall not all *These* which through FAITH and Blessing thereof, *inherit* the Promises and recompense of Reward from their Heavenly Father *and* their God! Shall *they* not Rejoice, with exceeding Joy in their Portion *with*, ALL the Saved and Redeemed in Heaven, *and* in the Earth? *And*, with boundless Thanksgiving, *and* rendering of Heart-felt Praise and Glory to *their* High Priest, their Saviour, their King, and their God!

All things appear Matured, and *Ripe* for Consummation, and for *proof* to all the WORLD—*whose* POWER and whose WORDS shall prevail and stand,—MINE or THEIRS, as saith THE LORD GOD.

In corroboration hereof, The Prophet of THE LORD GOD has written and recorded,—

“The Word of the LORD *came* unto me, Saying,—Son of Man, what *is* that Proverb *that* Ye have in the Land of Israel, saying, THE DAYS are prolonged, and every Vision faileth ?

*Tell them* therefore, *Thus* saith the LORD GOD ; I will make *this* proverb to cease, and They shall no more *use it* as a Proverb in Israel ; *but* say unto *them*, The Days *are* at hand, and *the effect* of every Vision.—

For I *am* the LORD : I *will speak*, and the Word that I shall speak shall come to pass ; *it shall no more be prolonged* ; for, in Your days, O rebellious house will I say the Word, *and* will Perform *it*.

Therefore say unto Them, *Thus* saith the LORD GOD ; There shall *none* of My Words be prolonged any more, *but* The Word which I have spoken *shall* be done, saith the LORD GOD.” Ezekiel xii.

And lastly and confirmatory, The Great Prophet of *the latter Days*, even DANIEL, whose Prophecies *stand* as recorded for fulfilment—*Save* and except Those which were accomplished *in* his own Life-time—*They all* relate and *are* reserved for the subjugation and overthrow of all Sublunary and Usurped Governments of Men ; Even *his* Consummatory *Prophecy* of the last Days, *and* precise and final *period* of SEVENTY

**WEEKS.** For though apparently and conclusively, *It has had*,—A preliminary and Elongated accomplishment; It will nevertheless have *also*, A Literal fulfilment in the Last Days, *and* as thus written,—

“Seventy Weeks are determined upon thy People and upon thy Holy City, to *finish* the transgression, and to make *an end* of sins, and to make *reconciliation* for iniquity, and to *bring in* Everlasting Righteousness, and to *seal up* the Vision and Prophecy, and to *anoint* the (a) most Holy.—

Know therefore and understand, *That* from the going forth of THE COMMANDMENT to *restore*, and to *build* Jerusalem unto *the* MESSIAH THE PRINCE, *shall be* Seven Weeks, and Threescore and Two Weeks: the Street shall be *built again*, and the Wall, *even* in *troubles* times.

And after Threescore and Two Weeks shall Messiah be cut off, *but not* for himself:”—Dan. ix. 24—26.

*Therefore*, let this Important *Pause* be taken into due consideration, and, *after* its deserved estimation; and be perfectly weighed *and* contemplated: Since it *Seals up* the Vision and Prophecy, and consummates *reconciliation* through the excellency of Faith in MESSIAH the Prince; and closes up, the right of THOSE that are His, in the promised Reward *from* Him.

The COMPLETION of *This part* of the Prophecy, as written,—*Immediately* preceeds, The descriptive Character and Destiny of *Another* People, and of *Another* Prince that *shall* come; And the Power that *They shall* conjunctively and unitedly exercise together:

And of which, respectively, The Prophet has also recorded, saying,—

“The People of the Prince *that* shall Come, *shall* destroy the CITY and the SANCTUARY ; and the End thereof *shall be* with a Flood, and *unto* the end of the War, *desolations* are *determined*.”

What may *now*, and what may *not now* be expected from the Convocation and Conclave of Priests and People that have Assembled at *both* of the ostensible Universities of the Kingdom :—*referable*, After the definition of The Prophet, *and* in every IOTA *according to his* description of the latter day FOURTH KINGDOM, *and* its appointed Judgment ?

In expectancy whereof, and of its decreed Fate : Lo, and Behold, the Chief Head and presiding PRIEST BISHOP, of *the* One Seat of professing Orthodoxy of Men ; *is* become,—The *sworn* Priest of the Fictitious Tutelary St. George of England ! Under *the* Oath of the Registrar, and Confederate DEAN of the Order of St. George and the Dragon, (*Beast*,) and its concomitant —The *illustrious* Order of the Garter ! *Consequently*, and *after* the appointed Ceremonial,—*The most insulting* before the Majesty of Heaven and the Omnipotent God !—The Priest Bishop *is* decorated with the BADGE of his SAINTSHIP ! and for which Honour ! in the fixed and regular time, He announces,—And has Announced, *acknowledged* and declared *his* Illustrious Membership, and *open* Profession thereof.

Therefore, and moreover, *Professing* the Doctrine *from* another Source, *and* from another Principle, *and*

from another *Master* ; which latter Testifies, *and* warns, *and* declares that,—

“ No Man can serve Two Masters : for *either* He will Hate the one, and Love the other ; *or else*, He will Hold to the One, *and* Despise the Other.”  
Matt. vi. 24.—

And if the Words of God and Scripture be true and faithful,—

Whose Servant, and whose Priest *is then*, The Bishop of Oxford ? !—

And no less his *Brother* of Winchester ? !

“ YE, cannot serve God and Mammon.”

It seems evident that the time is come to test and prove, the Fictitious and Delusive *Tutelism*, which is outwardly, *and* inwardly professed and prevalent ; And *whether* it shall stand and prosper ? Or pass away, with Contempt *and* Judgment !—

The Bible Prophecy of old it appears, *is now* at issue and taking effect, as saith the Prophet,—

“ The Earth mourneth *and* languisheth : Lebanon is ashamed *and* hewn down : Sharon is like a wilderness ; and Bashan and Carmel shake off *their Fruits*.

*Now* will I rise, saith The LORD ; *now* will I be exalted ; *now* will I lift up Myself.

YE shall conceive Chaff ; Ye shall bring forth Stubble : YOUR BREATH, *as* Fire, shall devour you.

And the People shall be *as* the burnings of Lime ; *as* Thorns cut up shall They be *burned* in the fire.”  
Isaiah xxxiii. 9—12.

Yet the Contest for a Superior Clerical *and* Chival,

rous Head has been started, invigorated, *and* accomplished at the other clamorous University; and the Members thereof *have* acquired a Military and Rival Chief,—The very ACME of a Typical, *and* a Personal Representative of ALL the *Tutelary Saints* of the State-and-Church-Militant of the Kingdom of England !!!

Let therefore the STATE COMMUNITY, especially, the *State-Church-Clericals*; *and*, even all Mankind *that are* Identified and concerned:—Let them *all* Look well to it, and to the Denouement *at hand*; which *is* Prophetically announced and proclaimed, *respecting*, —The People of the Prince that should come; and which *must* therefore come, *as* specifically, *and* expressly declared; and *as revealed* by the enlightened Prophet,—“Daniel, Chapter the IXth, 26, 27.”

As this Prophecy of the *latter day* Prophet, appears, conclusively and irresistibly a Complete winding up, *and* closing of the PREDOMINANCY of the Usurped, *and* Over-ruling Powers of the System *formed* by Men: So likewise its Overthrow appears, as the appointed Fore-runner and Usher in, of that better KINGDOM to be given to MESSIAH THE PRINCE, and to HIS PEOPLE. *Thus* fulfilling the Words of the Prophet, David, The sweet Psalmist of Israel, saying,—

“The LORD said unto *my* Lord, Sit thou at My right Hand, *until I make* thine Enemies thy Footstool.” Psalm cx.

This Kingdom of the MESSIAH, *as* already formed, established, and promulgated, will stand *distinctly* on



its own Foot, and on the Foundation of His Gospel Precepts, *which* shall not pass away; and forasmuch, as HIS WORDS *are appointed to form* AN HEAVEN OR HABITATION OF GOD ON EARTH; and to endure, and Universally to Rule *under* the whole Heaven of the Almighty Father.

HE will therefore not take a Stone of *any* Human System for a foundation, or any One for a Corner Stone of HIS CHURCH AND KINGDOM. Especially not of the Laboured and Self-devised Scheme and Code of Church Articles, formed by the Worldly Wisdom of Men: Constructed and *promulgated* under the cognizance and at the instigation and Spirit, of a Murderous and Blood-stained Monarch;—allowed of Men, the presumptive *Arbiter* of the governing principles of Man, and seducing Mammon. Several of which Articles of the Code under the Blood-mongering King Henry the EIGHTH, *are* directly in the teeth *and* in opposition, and perversely *opposed* to the Ordinances of JESUS! the Saviour of Souls, and the Anointed of THE MOST HIGH.

Wherefore, A BELIEVER in God and in His Christ for Salvation; *and as being the only* acknowledged and admissible LAW-GIVER:—The Believer in Him, will therefore *not take* of the *best* of the devised Articles of Men, to do Sacrifice to his God; *lest* like even Saul, the King, from whom the Mercy of God was withdrawn: *and lest* like *as* he was, he should *also* be afflicted and tormented, and punished above, *and* more than ordinary of the Sons of Men. And who for his *Rebellious presumption in withholding*

and preserving the Things, which he was commanded ~~to spare not~~ ; but to put them out of Sight and out of Existence ; *even* utterly to consume and destroy them *all*. 1 Sam. xv.

After such kind and manner will be obliterated and blotted out, All the Devices and Doctrines of Men ; *when* Christ and his Disciples and Servants, *shall* *Reign* with Him, *in his Kingdom, under* the superintendence of the Almighty Father.

For verification hereof, and the all-sufficiency of Christ's words, and doctrine, and teaching,—The Saviour of every Soul of Man *that is saved*, and prepared for *Eternity*, hath testified, *saying*,—

“ The Words that *I speak* unto you, They are Spirit *and* They are Life.

“ He that believeth on Me *hath* Everlasting life.

“ No Man, cometh unto me, *except* the Father draw him.

“ As the Father *taught* me, *so* I speak.”—St. John.

*According* to Gospel Ordinances, and Precepts, and Injunctions ; *there is no sufferance* or admissibility of *turning aside* to Articles, Precepts, and Commandments of Men : *as* Christ Jesus hath further revealed and declared, *affirming*,—

“ No Man, having *put* his Hand to the Plough, *and* looking *back*, is fit for the Kingdom of God.”

—St. Luke ix. 62.

And now that the Time is come, and most apparently *the Crisis* is arrived, *that*,—The Gospel Laws, its Precepts, and its Ordinances *shall* prevail and rule in the World, *and* govern Mankind ; for which purpose

they *are* and were given, *systematized*, and established. Therefore, according to the dictates and the command from the Lord, by His Prophet, Haggai, and ~~his~~ exhortation, saying,—

“Yet now be strong, O Zerubbabel, saith the LORD; and be strong, O Joshua, son of Josedech, the high Priest; and *be strong*, ALL YE PEOPLE of the Land, saith the LORD, *and work*; for I *am* with you, saith the LORD of Hosts.” Haggai, ii. 4.

Wherefore, let the Faithful, *as* they are called *upon*,—Let them manfully rouse and *exert* Themselves, *and be strong*; that *they may be* Partakers of the Promise, *and inherit* the Blessing from Above, *and according to* the affirmation of Daniel, the beloved Prophet of God, saying—

“The Saints of the Most High *shall* take the Kingdom, *and* possess the Kingdom for ever, *even for ever and ever*.” Dan. vii. 18.

Of the BABYLONISH Kingdom the former Prophet, *Ezekiel*, hath prophesied, *testified* and recorded, saying,—

“Thus saith the LORD GOD; Remove the Diadem; and take off the Crown: *This shall not be* the same: Exalt *him that is low*, and Abase *him that is high*. I will overturn, overturn, overturn, it: *and it shall be no more*, until He come whose right it is; and I will give it *him*.” Ezek. xxi. 26, 27.

Then shall be overturned the Despotie Power of the usurped Church-Militant of the Kingdom: in despite

of the Bigotry and Dogmatizing Principles of its Supporters: *even* of all the D. D's.—Whether of the far-famed Casuistry, of Dr. Phillpotts, Bishop of Exeter, and his notorious *Mandate of Servility* to the *Dictates* of the Church Articles; *as* framed, and ordered, and commanded *by* the Man of Blood, and unrepentant King, of Murderous memory; *and by his* Coadjutors.

After the like imposing and degrading submission to the Articles of Man and Mammon, *appears* the Doctrine of Dr. Hook, Vicar of Leeds, and his Anti-Scriptural *perverting* Dogma of descent into Gehena or Hell.—

Whenever the lying *and* accursed Phrase occurs,—No matter, from whatsoever D. D. Priest, Bishop, or Archbishop—Let it never pass without the Anathema and execration which it deserves: *as partaking* of the Unpardonable sin of lying against the Spirit; and *awfully so* against the Holy Ghost, *as proceeding* from the lips and words of the *departing* Jesus into Paradise.

But now it seems, *that*, above and beyond all former time, the Apostatizing Principle, and Dereliction from Scriptural and Gospel authority and dictation, *is grown* to the utmost excess of degeneracy and corruption. As witness the recent publication by a Member of the PARLIAMENTARY-Church-Articled-System, entitled,—

‘Distinctive Tenets of the Church of England, by the Rev. W. Gresley, M.A. Prebendary of Lichfield.’

For a concise and distinct estimation of the Pamphlet, We may at once say of it, *that* if it were possible, it exceeds in the Egotism of Bigotry, even, the treachery and profligacy of Idolatrous Popery itself. And it completely shows that, The whole Treatise has been composed and issued in the self-same Spirit of *Soul-devastating Papistry*, which Protestants *affect* to disclaim. For instance and proof hereof,—See the Pages 6, and 7, respecting the avowed ‘Tenets of the Church of England,’ which are substantially thus stated,—

‘She differs from Protestant Dissenters.

First, as regards the Holy Scripture, We agree with them as to the “Sufficiency of Holy Scripture for salvation.”—Article vi.

But we disagree with Them in the Unscriptural dogma (!) that “The Bible and the Bible only is the religion of Protestants.”—In the sense that all Men are to go to the Bible, and take their Religion from it according to their own judgment.’

This disagreement with Dissenters may be *true*, as to Protestants; but it is utterly and most contemptibly *false*, as to CHRISTIANS; And of Their *sole* Adherence and Faith in the All-Sufficiency of the Scriptures, and the Gospel injunctions, *as They are written*: and as being *their only hope* of Salvation.

But again the Prebend has a proviso in respect to Those that look to the Bible *only*, as he says,—‘in the sense that all Men are to go to the Bible, and take their Religion from it according to their own judgment.’

Be it now duly observed, and especially remarked that—The Bible, the Gospel, and all the Scriptures *expressly* enjoin, *all Men to take their Religion from the Bible* and the Testament, *according to their own judgment*. So says the Supreme and Divine Teacher, *even CHRIST himself thus directs every Person to—*

“Search the Scriptures; *for in them YE think ye have Eternal Life: and They are they which testify of me.*” St. John v. 39.

And, what can otherwise *be* the meaning thereof, But that every Soul of Man should *so search* to understand the Scriptures of Life and Salvation;—each *One and every Individual* for his own behoof *and* comfort in the Heavenly reward. And not suffer himself to be led astray *therefrom*, by any prevaricating duplicity, *or* equivocating pretence of any Priest, M.A. (forsooth,) or D.D. whether Protestant, Papist, or what not.

And forasmuch, *as*, by the Prebend’s own shewing, —Protestantism is scarcely, if at all, more or less than,—*Poperity in disguise.*—

And which is manifested in the concise Aphorism of *acknowledging the fallacy*, and curse of *Popish Purgatory*; and at the same time *clenching* the Doctrine by the Protestant Church Article and Creed; and therefore, if possible, *by the more damnable infusion* and substitution of *Hell!*—Both Sects choosing *the lie* of Descent, in preference to *the truth* of Departure; therefore, *excluding* Themselves from Paradise, and the immediate inheritance of *the Peace* of

the Saviour Jesus ; and of Christ in his Kingdom of Blessedness, and of undisturbed Joy for ever !

Nevertheless it appears *that*, according to the Rev. Prebend of Lichfield,—Protestantism ordains, in like manner *with* the Papistry,—*To shut the Book*, so that the People may not study, and contemplate, *and learn* to draw their knowledge, *and their Religion*, by understanding of the Scriptures for themselves,—*as Christ and his Disciples* exhort and command :—

But after, *and* like as the Romanists' dictate ; So the Prebend inculcates *and* directs that all men should come to the Priesthood—not to *solve* and assist them in a studious and difficult case, and so to *increase* the Light they *may* have obtained ;—but rather shutting their Eyes against *that* ; And ordering that They should come, and learn, and *take* Their knowledge and understanding of the Bible *from* the Bits, and Scraps, and Morsels, and Crumbs that they may gain, *per-chance*, from the *Earthly* instituted Priests.

And still to support his Church Doctrine, and in perfect *alliance* with the ROMANISTS' PRINCIPLE, in order to suppress and *prohibit* Mankind *from* studying and understanding the Scriptures for themselves, *as* Christ and his Disciples *enjoin*,—

' *This*, we believe, (says the Rev. Prebend and M.A.) *has led* to endless strife and schism. And because, ' *Some* have made fearful mistakes in acting upon this maxim,—who have refused to listen to what *the Church* teaches as the meaning of the Bible—and say that, *They will* interpret the Bible for themselves ; *without*

*earing for or examining what the Church teaches them in the Creeds, and Catechism, and other parts of the Common Prayer Book.*'—

For instance the Rev. M.A. produces the case of Unitarians,—‘who have boldly stated that the Bible teaches that Our Blessed Saviour was only a Man like themselves, and not God as well as Man.’

This flagrant proof of *wilful DENIAL*, and *predisposed RESISTANCE* of the Light and of the Testimony which Christ afforded, *and gave of himself*; *is not confined* to Socinians, or one Sect only: And forasmuch, had the Rev. Prebend himself *searched* the Bible and Testamentary authority for a clear and upright decision—Instead of looking to *his Church Professional Creeds*—He might have seen and known, and *declared the definite* and recorded *Judgment*, and irrevocable *Fate* of All the INFIDELS; and that *inevitably*,—

“They shall DIE in their Sins.”—St. John viii. 23, 24.

And though they may blindly seek to blink, and to disregard the dreadful Doom, *and Denunciation* of wrath, *if* they repent not, *and if* They continue in their Obduracy—The Judgment, will awfully *pursue* them to its *pronounced* effect and Completion.

Yet, Protestants presume *that their* Worldly framed, *and Earthly* fashioned Church shall stand and prevail. And be it noted and understood in having THAT, and setting up the Church of Man and Mammon, and Identifying themselves *therewith*; They can have *no Other*, for God admits of *no* Humanly devised, or *double* Church.



Nevertheless under the Human and Worldly State and Church System, They assume a Justification of *Alliance* with almost any, or whatsoever Apostates, Infidels, and Hereticks; and have therefore by their pusillanimous Admixture; their meagre, Political and pitiable Weakness—They have introduced IDOLATERS, and nearly all other Anti-christian Alliances, to *Legislate* and Rule over, and with Them. For which tergiversation, mean, and dastardly Act; They have scarcely known, And righteously not known any thing else than Discord and Strife, and the Turmoil of Confusion ever since.—How soon was the Wisest King, even Solomon shorn of his great Glory, for exactly the same provocative Offences?!

Had they held fast to their *Profession* of being guided and governed by the Doctrine and Principles of the Scriptures; They might readily have learnt the prescribed and definite rule therein recommended and ordained; whether respecting Papists, Protestants, Unitarians, or any, and all, or whatsoever fanatical, and obstinate Sectarists, saying,—

“Let them alone; *They be blind Leaders of the blind. And if the Blind lead the blind, Both shall fall into the ditch.*” Matt. xv. 14.

*This*, they might have known and decided upon,—if sincere in heart and mind, respecting themselves as well as others; and instead of entering into mischievous Confederacies, and fatal ALLIANCES; and thereby surrendering their stability, and stand for the written truth!—They at once manifested they had no Love,

*or* intrinsic Regard for the Souls' Welfare of their Roman Catholic Brethren : but *yielding* to their *pressing Fascinations* They at the same time, *deprived Themselves* of the Means, *and* of the Power of CONVERSION.

In conjunction and confraternity with other Church Members *or* Serviles of the Worldly and Protestant Church Articles of Man and Mammon, may well be remembered the Courtly *Sermon* of the Court Chaplain, Dr. Hook, entitled,—

“Hear the Church.”

A Sermon of no little notoriety. Its Doctrine and Flippancy of Principle may perhaps, *and* indeed does pass *for* Court and State Christianity, and also of *Parliamentary* acknowledgment *and* acceptance: *Where* however, it is pretty well known that, *The* generality of Members are, all *but* ashamed of the very mention and name of Christianity amongst them. *Consequently* its governing Principles *being scouted*, its Spirit *dwells* not with them. And therefore *when* sought for, it comes to pass *and* happens unto them,—Like as Dr. Hook *states* in his Dictionary, *of the Victims of Tophet* ;—THEIR Voices and *their* Cries were Drummed out, *that* they might not be heard.

Most apparently the Judgment has *new* fallen upon Men, and the ‘Distinctive’ reward, according to the Prophecy of old, Avering and saying,—

“Them that honour me *I* will honour, and THEY that despise Me *shall be* lightly esteemed.” 1 Sam. ii. 30.

• All the Protestant Church Members as above stated

are wont to speak, and always so of—*The Church*,—as though it was the Church of Christ *after* the Scriptures, and *after* the Gospel Dispensation! Instead of being what *in reality* it is—The Church of the Parliament,—the Device of Man and degrading Mammon;—*As devised*, and its Articles set forth, *under the Patronage and Arbitration of a Blood-thirsty King and Murderer*; and enforced *and* established by *his* Successor.

Shall it stand *always in competition*, and its Articles *side by side* with the Doctrinal Precepts, Injunctions, and ordained *Articles, from Mount Olivet*?

—Perish the Thought!?

In conclusion, the Prebend and Promulgator of ‘Distinctive Tenets of the Church of England,’ acknowledges and says,—

“We are warned in Holy Scripture, *that it is both dangerous and sinful to add to, or diminish from, the Truth written in God’s Word!* The Romanists appear to us to be guilty of one error, the Dissenters of the other.”

And let Protestants look to it, *whether*, and if they are,—*Not only* in the like singular Predicament, *but* moreover and especially liable, and *even* chargeable of being Guilty in *both* cases;—Of *adding to, and diminishing from*,—THE DISTINCTIVE TENETS OF THE GOSPEL! And of the Scripture *Ordinances as they are written, and given from God and Christ!*—And commencing, *with The Testamentary Book in*

hand, and acknowledging the truth of its contents ; yet justifying the Aberrations and Transgressions as taught of Men, and the Protestant Church Articles :—causing every Man to rebel against the Light, and the revealed Principles, and the Truths of the God of his Salvation. And inasmuch as saith Christ,—in opposition to the XXXIXth Article of the Church-Code of Men, and the Mammon of Protestants ;—And emphatically for a *Rudiment*, and indispensable *Condition* and Primary means of *acceptance* :—‘ Learn of me, saith the God-Man and SAVIOUR of every Soul that is, or shall be saved.’—

“ Speak the Truth between One Another and abide by it ; and *Swear not* ;” to satisfy any Man, and dare not to justify it in *Communications* and Concerns with One and Another : ‘ for WHATSOEVER is more than, the plain Assertion and Testimony of truth,’—

“ COMETH OF EVIL.” Matt. v. 34—37.

Nevertheless Protestants, subtly *teach* Mankind to choose “ *The Evil* ;” and consequently to disregard and turn from, THE DOCTRINE of Christ and his Gospel ; *howsoever*, Mankind may have believed in and *imbibed it* for their Soul’s Life !—

And notwithstanding the *dread* and awful WOE which shall fall upon, and *pursue* every One, that shall draw away any Soul of Man from the Faith !

Nevertheless, as yet, They *slavishly* call upon All the People, to Qualify by the open and wilful *Transgression of Oaths before God*, for all things, as it were, under the State and Church System. And

have made the *Stratagem and Invention* of the Church Articled Code, and *Subscription* thereto; *as*,—The Initiatory and *Indispensable means* of acquiring any Church Benefice; *either* as Curate, Rector, Prebend; Bishop, or Archbishop, under pretence—but the *In-admissible pretence*, or allowable *Sanction* of Divine Authority,—*to preach* the Gospel of the Kingdom of God and Christ!!

And next following to the INITIATORY *Franchise State-and-Church-Oath-Spirit*—The ROOT AND FOUNDATION OF ALL EVIL *in This*, and all other Nations in practice *thereof*. And which apparently *is*, the appointed and simplified *Shibboleth*; and *as*,—"The flying Roll" now gone forth, *searching and trying* all the People. To which *violation* of Christian Precept is annexed, under Sanction of the XXXVIIth Article of the Device and Imposition of Men—The justification of Magisterial authority, 'To wear weapons, and serve in the Wars;—Of Bloodshed, of Death, and Desolations!—In despite,—in defiance, or *Contempt* of Christ's words and *warning* that—

"They that take the Sword *shall perish* with the Sword." Matt. xxvi. 52.—

The Omnipotent Sword of the Spirit of God, *being*, The *only* admissible, and allowable Sword of a Christian.—In time *all Men* will know this Truth, and that There is no *lurking* deceitfulness, Hypocrisy, or double Dealing; or *Chicanery* of Meanings, like unto the Church Articles of Man and Mammon.

And yet *thirdly* succeeds, The Article of *accused*

*attempt* to make the Son of God a *Liar!* By the damnable Doctrine of Jesus' Descent into Hell!! And signifying it, at the very time too, *that, He testified* he should *Depart* into Paradise. Thus, Adding and Diminishing, *Detracting and Denying*, The Blessed words, and saving Principles of the *alone* Saviour God! And *daringly* doing all this, *in order* to support the Hellish Doctrine—'The Distinctive Tenets of the Church of England.'—The Protestant devised Articles and their fatal Contingencies; *striving* to render Nugatory and Unavailable, *the Precepts of Christ*, By the Spirit of the Father-God!!

Yet saith, THE LIVING LORD, and of *his* Precepts,—*thus proceeding* from the Father, and given unto Men,—

“Whosoever therefore shall break One of these *least* Commandments, and shall *teach* Men so, He shall be called the least in the Kingdom of Heaven: *but* whosoever shall do and teach *them*, The same shall be called *great* in the Kingdom of Heaven.

“For I say unto You, That *except* your Righteousness shall exceed *the righteousness* of the Scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case *enter* the Kingdom of Heaven.” Matt. v. 19, 20.

Notwithstanding the exhortation, and command to all Mankind to *Search* and understand the Scriptures for themselves—Protestants say, (according to the Prebend of Lichfield) *like as do* the Romanists—*Shut out the knowledge* You may have obtained! And come and *take your Religion from Us*,—Not from

the *inspired* Apostles ; *But* understand *when* you are Fighting and Destroying by 'the Weapons of War' : and *solemnly* Swearing, *and also* asserting your Belief of 'the going *down* into Hell' ; according to *our* Article,—*Believe* that You are *obeying* ! Although your Conscience *is* telling You, that You are *rebel-ling* against the Light, *and are* administering to the Condemnation of your own Soul !!

When however, the Test and Trial comes, And rapidly it appears coming on, *even* at the Doors, *to prove*,—which CHURCH shall stand, the Protestant *or* Apostolic ? Believers in God and his Gospel, will remember for their assurance, The rebuke of an Opposer of Christ's Words and Testimony, *and* the reprimand which He gave to a momentary *Lukewarm* Pretender, *which* is ever and always *a despised* and worthless Servant, and to whom He said,—

"Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an *offence* unto me: for thou *Savourest not the things* that be of God, but *Those* that be of Men." Matt. xvi. 23.

Such is the prepared Sentence for every false Teacher, Pretender, and 'Sophisticate Guide'—*whether* that may be a D.D. or M.A. or whatsoever Sectarian, or Stickler, and Supporter of the Church State System: *and* of every *other* establishment of the God of this World, and Prince of the Power of the Air.

And now moreover, at this apparently appointed period, *when* "The Saints of the Most High *shall take* the Kingdom, and possess the Kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever ;" according to the Words and Testi-

mony, *and* after the Power and Promise of the Almighty and Ever Living God and Father; *and* through the merits of *his* Redeemer *given* for the Redemption of all Men, *even* of all and every Soul of Mankind *that* shall Live! !—

Of what estimation and of what Value are all the cumbrous Load, and mass of Books that are written, *after* the Device, the Ingenuity, and the *Sophistry* of Sectarians? And, which *are* promulgated and circulated according to their *diverse* and SELF-RAISED *Inventions and Principles*: Every One of which may find *their Judgment*, SCRIPTURALLY, *and concisely recorded*.

Protestants and Papists, *if* not so conspicuous in their Sectarianism, as some Others; especially *as are* Unitarians, and Swedenborgians; who *boast* (unwittingly) *in* their denial of the Scripture of God, and his Gospel.—

The former, UNITARIANS, openly selecting the Gospel and Scriptural *axiom* for their Motto, and which is glaringly written *and* exhibited at their Newly Built Church at Cheltenham,—pertinaciously setting forth that—

“*There is one God, and one Mediator between God and Men, the Man Christ Jesus.*”

Thus Unitarians or Socinians in order to support their *warped* Hypothesis, and bigotted Sectarism;—They emphatically and dogmatically profess, *The Man*, and deny The Godhead; *so that*, They may resist *and* refuse to give the Honour and the Glory *as due* unto Jesus; and which the *Father* has ordained



*to be given* unto the Son, and which the APOSTLES ascribe as due to the Mediator, and '*the Man Christ Jesus*' ;—

"Who gave Himself a ransom for All, to be Testified in due time." 1 Timothy ii. 5, 6.

Yet they *dare* to dispute with God ! and reject the Testimony of St. Paul *his* Apostle ; and labour to *deny* the Testamentary Evidence and Witness that Christ gave of Himself ; *that*,—Being sent of the Father and made perfect by HIS SPIRIT, He did the WORKS of the Father, *and therein was equal* with HIM. Whereof, as He said to the Jews,—*If* They belived not his Words, *and* the testimony which He gave of himself, and which *his Works* afforded them in *proof*, That He was One with the Father ; *and* the Father One with him ;—*and was also One*, by the Self-same Spirit in doing the Works, *which* he performed in their presence, and before their sight,—

"They should *Die* in their Sins."—

"He that is of God heareth God's words ; YE therefore Hear *them not*, because *ye* are not of God." St. John viii. 24—47.

Which recklessness, inconsiderateness, and UNBELIEF ; produces the *Condemnation* of Death in *their Sins* ; which manifestly it appears, is their choice—*Their* wilful Choice, *rather* than suffer Themselves to acknowledge and admit *that*,—The Saviour God-Man was, and is also God, *and* One with the Father.

On the other hand, SWEDENBORGIANs or New Jerusalemites as they call themselves, obstinately and

pertinaciously, *as purblindly persist*, in alleging that, —Jesus Christ is God, *and* in himself ALL IN ALL!—*Identically*, Father, Son, and Spirit—and that There is no other God!

*Thus*, They presumptuously and *fanatically* deny the Authority of the Scriptures throughout; of which *if* they opened almost *any* Page, and *were sincere* to understand; They might *find* sufficient to lead them and to *convince* them of their egregious folly, *and* fatal estrangement.—

In the First Epistle general of John, it is written,—*“Beloved*, believe not every Spirit, but *try* the Spirits whether They are of God.—

“We have seen *and* do testify that the Father *sent* the Son *to be* the Saviour of the World.

“Whosoever shall confess *that* Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God.—

“It is the Spirit *that* beareth *witness*, because the Spirit is *Truth*.”

And thus THEY might *see* by the record of the Apostle, if they will not *learn and understand* that, —THE SCRIPTURES, both Old and New, *testify*, that,—

“*There are* THREE that bear record *in Heaven*, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and *These Three are One*.

“And there *are* THREE that bear Witness *in Earth*, The Spirit, *and* the Water, *and* the Blood: and *These Three agree in One*.” 1 John iv.—v.

Notwithstanding this *clear testimony* of Gospel affirmation, and of Scriptural averment; *They*, SWEDEN-

BORGIANs, still persist in their Self-devised INIQUITY, and gross Fatuity *that*, Jesus, *is*,—the *entire* God—and that there is no other God besides Him: And this They ostentatiously maintain: For say they, to assert otherwise, and that *there are*,—The Father, and The Holy Ghost, *is* to avow There are Three Gods!

And what if there are Three, which *are* continually operative, *intrinsically*, as God! yet also separately, and *ever* unitedly; And which the Scriptures *verify* that, *there be*?—It is not in the Power of *any* Sectarian whatsoever, *either* to annul, invalidate, or render nugatory *a single word* or particle of the inspired Gospel of Apostolic testimony, and Godly authority and avouchment. And striving *as* Sectarians *do*, against the Witness *that* Jesus gave of himself; They are therefore, *deprived* of understanding His Doctrine. Nay, by their predilections, their prejudiced, and by their *irrational* Ideas; *they deprive themselves* of the Truth, and of Christian Principles. And like to Unitarians, they sequester and omit, *even* turn aside *from the written*, Scriptural Explanations; *consequently*, they fall away, and *swerve* from the Heavenly, the Godly, and Apostolic Interpretations.

For further elucidatory proof, and established consummation thereof,—See the excellency of the Testamentary *truth*, by the Highly favoured Apostle and Evangelist, *who* bears his Gospel Testimony to the Words and the Power of Jesus; *as exemplified* in his conversation, and reply to the Jews, *saying*,—

“ Verily, verily, I say unto You,—THE SON can do nothing of himself, but what He seeth THE FATHER do: for what things soever HE DOETH, These *also* doeth the SON likewise.

“ For the Father loveth the Son, and sheweth Him all things that Himself doeth: and He will shew him greater works than these, *that* Ye may marvel.

“ For as THE FATHER *raiseth up the Dead*, and quickeneth Them; *even so* THE SON quickeneth whom He will.

“ For the Father *judgeth* no man, *but hath committed* all Judgment unto the Son:

“ That all *Men* should *Honour* the Son, even as They Honour the Father. He that honoureth *not* the Son, honoureth *not the Father* which sent him.” St. John v. 19—23.

The Evangelist in his closing Testimony, *remarks* and says, That, *the Books*,—‘The Scriptures *which are* written, *are* sufficient for instruction *and* insurance of Eternal Life.’—

Were therefore, the Multifarious, the Cumbersome and Oppressive Mass of *bewildering* Books collected; *even unitedly* with the Hundred Thousands of Volumes of the Vatican, and together with all and every of the *Images, Busts, Pictures, and Emblematical Designs* which it contains; And not excepting but including *all* and similar Emblems of Statues and Figures, and with all PICTORIAL and *Emblazoned Armorial Bearings*, which are represented and seen in

Churches and Chapels, *even* in the Universities and Collegiate Choirs!—Were they all,—*The Paintings, the Imagery, and the worse than useless Books* brought together, and committed and cast *into* one vast Pile and Pyramid for Burning,—*May they* who can conceive the Beholding of the *appointed* consuming Fire, *and seeing the last glimmering Blaze going up! and vanishing* before their Eyes!—May they rejoice, *and Clap* their hands together with Shouts of applause and thanksgiving, *that*, They shall all,—The Books, the Images, the Statues, and the Paintings; The Illusions, the Phantoms of the treacherous *and* general Delusion : *no more* be found or be seen, *than*,—

‘The trace of a Bird through the Air;’ *or* of ‘an Arrow shot through the Atmosphere, whose place can no more be seen.’

Yet, Tophet is ordained to be made Deep *and* Large, and decreed for the residence and *abode* of the Beast and FALSE Prophet; *where* the Heart’s Treasure lies, *There* will the Apostacy of *Imagery* be found at the final Judgment day.—Isa. xxx.—Rev. xx.

But with what *Zest* and accumulation of Joy and Praise will Those, who *retain* the single Book of TRUTH, and its Principles of Everlasting Life! With what Comfort will THEY *search* the Scriptures and *abide* by the Gospel of their Salvation? Embracing and Receiving the *pure* and simplified *Doctrine*, and *Testamentary Teaching* of the Evangelist, *who instructs and assures them*, saying,—

"THESE BOOKS, are written *that* Ye might believe, That JESUS *is* the CHRIST, The SON OF GOD; and that *Believing*, Ye might have LIFE through *his* Name." St. John xx. 31.

Such is the thankful Hope, The Faith, and the Belief of the Writer *and* Searcher after the Truth, 'as it is in Jesus,' and who now gratefully subscribes himself,

SCRUTATOR.

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PRELIMINARY AND EXPLANATORY INTRODUCTION,  
TO THE ANNEXED COMMENTARY.

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FROM an unknown hand the following spontaneous Commentary has been gratuitously presented to the Author of the anterior Book ; and consequently and even the Name of the Writer being concealed, He is somewhat at a loss to make a due and complimentary acknowledgment and return ; but trusts the Publication of his approved Remarks and highly valuable Exposition will be accepted as such, and that He will further allow Scrutator the privilege of calling Him, his esteemed friend.

The Annotator thus proceeds,—

- “ INVESTIGATION OF THE PROFESSED AND GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF EXPOSITION OF SCRIPTURAL PROPHECIES, AND ESPECIALLY OF THE APOCALYPSE ; INCLUSIVE OF INTERPRETATIONS AS IMPLIED AND AVOWED, IN A CHRONOLOGICAL CHART OF THE WORLD ; ANNOUNCING PROPHETICAL AND SYMBOLICAL ILLUSTRATIONS OF THE HOLY SCRIPTURES. 1847.”

THE writer of this work—who adopts the signature of “ Scrutator ”—says, in the preface—“ The following pages were in part written with an *only* intention of their being addressed as a private letter in



correspondence on the subject of which they treat. But, on reflection, and as they increased under the pen, it appeared that they were and might be thought *suited* and better adapted for general consideration and estimation." The author is evidently a profound and zealous Millenarian, and in the advocacy of his favorite theory he displays a degree of Scriptural research—more particularly that portion of Holy Writ devoted to Prophecy—seldom met with. The publication of a little book called "Church Architecture," by the Rev. Mr. Close, of Cheltenham, first suggested to the author the idea of submitting a part of his sentiments to the careful investigation of the Christian world, and he finally determined to publish on accidentally meeting with a publication called "A Chronological Chart of the World." To this latter publication "Scrutator" first directs the attention of the reader.

The Chart *avows* a distinct principle of expectancy of fulfilment *at hand*, of the heavenly visions and prophecies of Daniel and the Divine St. John; and likewise that the things declared and testified in the Bible, and the Apocalypse, must take up their state and stage of accomplishment and *be fulfilled*.

The author expresses great disgust at the fanciful and contemptible *figures* represented in the Chart, and is especially averse to the Scriptural interpretations, which he considers *irrelevant*. He considers these very especial prophecies refer to A Kingdom that apparently *rivals* all Other, in all the precise Characters

pronounced for judgment, *in the latter days* ; but he asserts that they cannot be *forced*, as attempted, *specially*, to apply to Rome.

“ It is the *fourth kingdom* with which the world has *now* to do, whereof both of the two great Prophets of the last days loudly proclaim and define—

“ Daniel, prior to the Divine Saint John, peculiarly characterises the three preceding kingdoms ; yet as being *seperately* bereaved of power, when the great *fourth kingdom* or Beast appeared ; and which arrested all his attention—as *having* swallowed up, *and* prefigured all the other kingdoms or beasts, in *One Great Image* !—p. 6.

The writer agrees with the authors of the Chart, in their quotation from Cambell, that—“ This whole Image is a Symbol of the Kingly Dynasty of the Gentile World—‘ Fulness of the Gentiles’—‘ Times of the Gentiles’—reaching down to the time of Christ’s Second Coming.” He then says that the precise period may be questioned, but that, indisputably, the time of Christ’s Second Coming and to Reign, *is that* when the Image as represented in the vision of Nebuchadnezzar shall *re-appear*, and be identified as the literal compound of all the *four kingdoms*.

“ All this is declared by the Prophet *shall* come to pass *in the latter-day generation* ; when all shall be fulfilled ; both as to the *appearance* and *disappearance* of the great *fourth kingdom*, appointed to be *consumed* ; and moreover to be succeeded by the fifth and Millenary Kingdom, *which* shall stand for ever !”—p. 7.

The author emphatically denies that the ten horns of the Beast are intended to represent ten nations ; but

that they are “*ten agents or officials* arising out of, and belonging to the *One Kingdom*.” He laments the admixture of the Eighth with the Seventh Chapter of Daniel—in the Chart—considering them as two *distinct prophecies* :—

“ Though Daniel saw at that period *in vision*, the fourth and consummatory Kingdom ; but to assert that it means the Papacy, and applicable to its *gradations* of conquest in “ 493 ;” “ 533 ;” and “ 538 ;” is utterly irrelevant and inconsistent ; and by its Antedates, accursedly tending to render the prophecy of God ! and his Prophets false !! and even God himself a liar !!! ”—p. 10.

The Chart, under the head of “ Prophetic Periods” defines the present crisis as the period of the Seventh Trumpet ; and the authors of the Chart add—“ This sound of the trump, at which the dead shall rise, and be judged, *we* now expect to hear.”

“ Scrutator” says—“ The sound of the seventh trumpet in Revelations the 11th is not the last trumpet as spoken of by St. Paul to the Corinthians ; but *it* is ‘ The sound of the kingdoms of this world immediately becoming *the Kingdoms* of our Lord, and of his Christ.’ And *it* is the commencement of his Millennial Kingdom, and also that ‘ He shall reign for ever and ever,’ “ Scrutator” thinks that the authors of the Chart have overlooked the fact that it is the SEVENTH VIAL poured out into the air, which is far more consummatory in its effects towards men.”—pp. 14—15.

The author considers it a “ wild and heterogeneous assumption on the part of the Chart Writers—that the commencement and duration of the Sixth trumpet

consisted of a period of 391 years, 15 days. That presumptive interpretation belongs only to the *fifth* trumpet.—p. 16.

“ Of which fifth trumpet it is written that, from the smoke that arose out of the *bottomless pit*, came forth locusts, which for five months should torment those men which had not the seal of God in their foreheads.—Rev. ix. Thus this prophecy of God was confined to 5 months, simply 150 days—which the malignant prophecy of men has converted to 150 years !—and those years extended as *they* say, to prophetic years and days amounting to 391 years, 15 days.”—p. 16.

The author considers that the trial of the Duke of York—on the impeachment of His Royal Highness by Colonel Wardle—“ irresistably accomplished the prediction”—and he enters into some interesting and striking details to prove his position.

The author next proceeds to a critical and analytical examination of Mr. Elliott's *Horæ Apocalyptice*, the arguments in which bulky work he declares to be unsound, and he makes out an excellent case in support of his view. The fallacy of the Ten Horns, as interpreted in the Chart, is again alluded to, and controverted.

The subjoined extract is worthy of attention :—

“ Many of the present generation may well recollect that during the time of contention and war with that scourge of nations, Buonaparte, *who*, and apparently, was justly condemned for seizing territory and dethroning princes—nevertheless the British Prime Minister of that day (1807) who

uttered the denouncement, at the same time added and averred—"It would be the maddest thing in the world if another Belligerent did not do the same! And moreover, having thus shown that he had no better principle to confide in and trust to—*put* himself on a level *therewith*, and openly averred in the War-House of the Parliamentary Tophet, that 'Retaliation *was* the essence and spirit of the British Constitution.'"

"From that day and forward of the subtle and beguiling Anti-Christianism avowed and set up, might be reckoned as an especial *data* and year of commencement for the accomplishment of the Apocalyptic prophecy in *this* generation—and of the watchful eye of Providence having been intent to blast the Anti-Christian principle as so *proclaimed* for doctrine and justification, and as opposed to that of His approved and beloved Son—*whose* doctrinal precepts and principles *alone* He will countenance and support, for the Preservation and Salvation of all mankind that believe and trust in him."—pp. 33, 34.

The author considers that the immediate process of accomplishment has regularly progressed "to the *present time* of the Sixth Vial *having* been poured out upon the great and fruitful river Euphrates: or *literally*—the bountiful source and river of Taxation."—p. 35.

"In succession and immediately follows the judgment and fearful overthrow of the latter-day daughter of Tarshish and Burden of Tyre—'Pass through thy land as a river, O *daughter* of Tarshish: there is no more strength. He stretched out his hand over the Sea, He shook the kingdoms: the Lord hath given a commandment against the *Merchant City*, to destroy the strong holds thereof.'"—p. 37.

The author considers that the prophecy in the Eighth Chapter of Daniel has a precise and distinct reference to Ireland. He says—

“ Let the believer look to the plain testification, and the near and expected Demonstration of the comparatively ‘ King of fierce countenance,’ standing up at a time when the transgressors (Idolaters) are come to the full. And moreover looking to the bold countenance of *that One* of understanding Dark Sentences ; and also his standing up against the Prince of Princes !”—p. 42.

In the “ King of fierce Countenance” the author recognises the late Mr. O’Connell, whose “ understanding *dark sentences*” (of the Law) overcame many of the learned and highest Authorities of the Land.

The author next proceeds to consider the Three Prophetic Symbols contained in the Chart, for the whole of which he expresses the most unqualified contempt. He thinks (p. 50) that the Protestant World is advanced to that state of ripeness and judgment of the “ Sixth Vial of the Wrath of God poured out upon the great and fruitful river Euphrates.”

“ This awful judgment and upsetting of the system of men, *opposed in principles* to the Divine ; will, we find, be attended and followed by ‘ Voices, and Thunders and Lightnings ; and an Earthquake so great and mighty, such as was not since men were upon the earth.’ And so remarkable and extraordinary is the Earthquake proclaimed, that it shall *divide* ‘ the Great City in Three Parts ; and the cities of the nation fall (as in vision they fell) and Great Babylon came in remembrance

before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his Wrath.' ”—p. 51.

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“Immediately after this great plague succeeds the judgment of the Babylonish Whore, pronounced and revealed by one of the Seven Angels of God, saying—‘Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the Great Whore that sitteth upon many waters: With whom the Kings of the Earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication.’ ”—p. 52.

The author then proceeds to show, by an ingenious argument that England *not* Rome is the Babylon of the Prophets. With respect to the number of the Beast—the number 666—“Scrutator” says—

“Of the seven heads as kings, and as the mountains of power, the Divine Revealer saith—‘Five are fallen, and One is, *and* the other is not yet come; and when he cometh he must *continue* a short space” \* \* \* Of the Eighth Head, which must continue a short space, having high and mountainous power, it is written ‘He is of the seven, and goeth into perdition.’ ”

The author then argues that when the Eighth Lord and Cabinet Minister was appointed, and he and his colleagues were added to the 658 acting members of the House of Commons—“the result and issue *is found*, incontestibly as forming together that fatal and ominous number 666!”—p. 57.

But “Scrutator” seems to have overlooked the

fact that the last House of Commons consisted of 656 members only—Sudbury, which returned two, having been disfranchised.\* “He asks if any Bishop or Priest can say that he has acquired the name and number of the Beast, and is therefore qualified to give the awful and requisite warning to the people.” He considers that Dr. Croly, in his work on the Apocalypse is the only divine who has furnished even *a clue* to a right interpretation ; and he regrets that Dr. Croly “after” having stated the point so clearly should have left it unappreciated.

In pages 67, 68, the author enters his solemn protest against the Sword and Violence—against War and Duelling.

In the following pages, the author designates the 39 articles of the Church of England, as “self-devised and worldly-framed”—more particularly the 39th and 37th in justification of Oaths and War. The 3d article he declares to be flatly Anti-Scriptural. Speaking of

\* Yet the Unknown friend or friends should consider that, though the Two which were momentarily the disfranchised Members, nevertheless, They are Constitutionally and virtually included as at once forming the Body Politic and Numeral ruling Power. How soon afterwards *It may be shivered and broken to pieces*, is left for consideration and observation, and for the penetration of Believers ; —with the important word, “Watch.”—For the sudden Coming and overwhelming Power of him who *is* the Truth, has declared, it shall come upon Unbelievers as a Thief in the night, and *they* shall be taken in the snare. And forasmuch, as the Judgment shall sit on the ostensible ruling *Image* of predominate Power and Authority ; and “They shall take away *his* Dominion, to consume and to destroy *it* unto the End.” Daniel vii. 15—27. Luke xvii. 20—37.

Rev. ii.—iii.



the Saviour of Mankind, the Article says—"It is to be believed that He went down into Hell." Jesus on the Cross said that he should that very day depart, *and* the Repentant Thief be with Him in Paradise. "Be therefore accursed"—says "Scrutator"—"the insinuation in this article, and execrated its damnable, baneful and evil doctrine ; as being against the light of Salvation, and in contradiction to the asseveration of Christ's own words and truth.

The author next attacks and deservedly exposes the idolatrous Worship of the Virgin Mary by Roman Catholics.

With respect to Dr. Hook's explanation of the Third Article—that the human soul of Christ departed into the common receptacle both of the penitent and impenitent—the author says that doctrine may do for an hireling of the Church-Articled system, but that it is positively false and contradictory to the spirit of truth and of Christ.

"It harrows up the hidden feelings and workings of the soul to read Dr. Hook's complicated attempt, and equivocating expositions and mode of interpretation. \* \* \* And let it be remarked that Paradise is excluded, by the Doctor, even from notice or commentary."—p. 75.

Dr. Hampden's Exposition of the Articles is next alluded to and criticised, the author declaring his insuperable objection to the 3rd, 37th and 39th—the whole of which he declares to be blasphemous and Anti-Scriptural.

The form of prayer and thanksgiving—ordered by the Archbishop of Canterbury—for the Indian victories—is next adverted to in terms of great severity as the very “*acme* of profanation of Temple service.”

The semi-idolatrous form used on the installation of Knights of the Garter does not escape the notice and castigation of “Scrutator,”—describing the preliminary proceedings, the author says, after—

“The princely and Saintly Garter has been conferred; and the Knight elect of the Saint, being brought before the Sovereign, who puts about his neck ‘a blue ribbon, whereunto is appended, wrought in gold within the Garter, *the Image of St. George on Horseback!* Upon which presentment, the Chancellor Bishop of Oxford—or the Prelate *and* High Priest of the Saint, the Bishop of Winchester—then reads the following admonition—‘Wear this Ribbon about thy neck, adorned with the *Image* of the blessed martyr and soldier of Christ, St. George!’”

“But who is this St. George whose Image is conferred, and by Priestly Ordinance set up, and his Saintship as a God to worship?” enquires the author. Gibbon denominates him as “the infamous George of Cappadocia.” Campbell says—“By the arts of a parasite he obtained patrons, who got him a lucrative commission to supply the Roman army with bacon; but George defrauded the Roman soldiers of their bacon, and in order to save his own, was obliged to fly from the pursuit of justice. Afterwards he professed Arianism, and mounted, by force and bloodshed, the Archiepiscopal Throne of Athanasius, which he stained

with cruelty and avarice. At last, in the capital of Egypt, public vengeance rose up against him, and he was committed to prison, (A. D. 631) \* but the populace saved him from the tedium of a trial ; they put him to death, and threw his Body into the sea. It belongs to those who study Church history to explain how this Swindler and cut-throat has been transformed into the renowned St. George of England, the patron of arms, of chivalry, and of the Garter !”

“Scrutator” says—“The words of the ceremony of Installation are so exceeding in profligacy, and in the spirit of Popery, or patronage of Idolatry, that—in point of phraseology, they apparently outstrip and rival *any* that may be found in all Poppedom.”

The highest military orders of other nations are next adverted to in terms of just indignation. Infidel and Sabbath-breaking France with her “Order of the Holy Ghost !” Blasphemous Portugal with her impiously-styled “Order of Christ.” Profligate Spain with its national “Order of the Golden Fleece.” “All which Insignias and confraternity of Ensigns”—says the author—“are similar in spirit and principle to the Golden Calves, which the *rebels* originally called for, as Gods to go before them.”

\* “Probably 361, was intended, as being commensurate with the Reign of Diocletian. Yet it appears Historically true, that an earlier time, even that 289 is written and stated as a final period of his (the Saints) existence. And moreover that the so-called St. George, the Arian Swindler and fraudulent Prelate of Alexandria ; is too much mixed up and confusedly amalgamated with the professed St. George of Cappadocia—the avowed Militant Tutelary, and *fictitious* Soldier-Patron-Saint of England !

The *lost* state of the Irish nation, and the declaration of O'Connell, at Fremasons' Hall, in 1842, that—"He hoped to live to see the day when High Mass should be celebrated in Westminster Abbey, and that the Pope should come and administer it there, and have the tomb of the Popish Confessor for his Altar"—are next commented upon. The author remarks—

"Although it is not *impossible* that the Pope may become a Minister in the Sepulchral—and a Preacher in the midst of the bones and of the dead carcasses in Westminster Abbey—yet is the fact not *probable*, until that—the time of the reality of the Prophecy being accomplished, and which evidently is fast approaching, in the fall of Great Babylon itself. And when fallen, it shall become, as foretold—"The habitation of *devils*, and the hold of every *foul spirit*, and a *cage* of every unclean and hateful bird."—p. 92.

We have thus far been rather profuse in our extracts in order to show the style of the writer, and the character of the work. We must now confine ourselves to an allusion to its most striking features, as they occur in the succeeding pages.

The author (pp. 97 to 105) alludes to the Sermon preached by the Bishop at the consecration of St.-Catharine's Church, at Bear Wood. He considers the whole discourse a piece of "vain assumption," "in repugnance of the written word—and therefore in contempt of the known declarations of both the Old Scripture and the New Testament authority."

The appointment of the Bishop of Jerusalem, by the King of Prussia is touched upon. (p. 105.) The

author designates his Majesty "a great Warrior, in part Robber of a Kingdom in conjunction with Two of his confederates \* \* \* a sea of blood lays at their doors to answer for."

The placing or fixing up, in every Parish Church or Chapel in the kingdom, "the State Idol or King's Arms" the author very justly objects to. He alludes to Lord Sidmouth's memorable declaration that—"The Jails and the Churches were all the King's, and he could do as he liked with them!" The *adorning or disgracing* the walls of our Churches, by the putting up of Hatchments and Armorial bearings he also condemns. The use of Arms and Crests by families, he considers "utterly at enmity, and in disregard of Him who hath said "I receive not honour from men."

The order of St. Patrick, as lately conferred on Lord Heytesbury—by the Archbishop of Dublin *officiating* as "High Priest"—is referred to (p. 112.)

Duelling is strongly condemned, and the anecdote of Frederick the Great is related. The author quotes that portion of Scripture which says—"If any man take up an instrument of iron, or weapon of wood, or by throwing a stone, to Smite a fellow man, and he die, he is a Murderer; the Murderer shall surely be put to death."—(p. 113.)

The eligibility of professing members and classified individuals associated for building Churches and Temples is next considered. The author thinks that the Monarch whose hands are still wet with the blood

of the Polanders a highly unfit man to send out a Bishop or to build a Temple at Jerusalem.

We must now pass on to page 145-6. The author, after again alluding to the Installation of the Knights of the Garter, and the circumstance of the Queen of Spain having conferred a crown of gold on her statue and adored *image* of the Virgin, thinks that piece of idolatry inferior in offence, "when brought into comparison with the *premeditated insult* offered to the Living God, *by* the priesthood of the Mammon and Patron Saint of England." He considers there is all-sufficient reason to apprehend that God's judgments are at hand.

The author (p. 146) draws a graphic picture of the appearance of St. George's Chapel, Windsor, supposing the Pope himself should visit it. He thinks that the High Priests of the Order might safely challenge the Pope to produce a greater proof of Spiritual Fornication.

The Rev. Hugh M'Neile's Sermon, preached on the occasion of Prince Albert's Visit to Liverpool in August, 1846, is alluded to. We quite agree with "Scrutator" in believing that the reverend gentleman went "beyond and out of his depth," when he took for his text the words "Every Eye shall see Him!"

"The Catholic Doctrine of the Second Advent," published last year by the Rev. Incumbent of Cheltenham, occupies about 20 pages in "Scrutator." He compares it with "Church Architecture" a previous work by the same writer and ingeniously points out the discrepancies between the two. The grand point

of dispute between "Scrutator" and Mr. Close, is, that the latter—in his "Second Advent"—unequivocally denies the doctrine of the "Millennium."

The author admires the spirited conduct of the Rev. H. Erskine Head, in conscientiously opposing himself to the tyranny and bigotry of the Bishop of Exeter.—(p. 178.)

In different portions of the work the author strongly reprobates the sin of covetousness, and produces many striking Scriptural authorities in support of his argument.

The iniquitous seizure of Cracow by Austria he considers as "undeniably the literal accomplishment, and *minutiæ* of fulfilment of the prophecy as recorded to take place in the latter days."

At p. 221 and succeeding pages we have a description of the idolatrous Mummery practised by Dr. Wiseman in consecration of *the Bell*, the Church and Altar, and enclosed relics therein, in honour of St. Barnabas, on the 27th of August, 1844.

At p. 237, the Bishop of Landaff's "Challenge to Dissenters" is taken up, and elaborately answered.

At p. 289, the author in speaking of the Rev. Prebendary Gresley's "Distinctive Tenets of the Church of England," says—"We may at once say of it, *that* if it were possible, it exceeds in the egotism of bigotry, even the treachery and profligacy of idolatrous Popery itself. And it completely shows that the whole treatise has been composed and issued in the self same spirit of soul-devastating Papistry, which Protestants

affect to disclaim." In this estimate of Mr. Gresley's production, we cordially agree.

With respect to Dr. Hook's notorious Sermon before Her Majesty—'Hear the Church'—"Scrutator" says—"Its doctrine and flippancy of principle may perhaps, and indeed does pass for Court and State Christianity, and also of Parliamentary acknowledgment and *acceptance*: Where it is pretty well known that the generality of members, at least many, are all *but* ashamed of the very mention and name of Christianity amongst them." In this estimate of the Vicar of Leeds we also cordially agree.

The Unitarians—who believe in the "Man Jesus" but deny the Godhead—and the Swedenborgians—who believe that Jesus Christ is God, and in himself All in All—are deservedly dealt with in the concluding pages of the work.

And now, having given a faint outline of what we must ever consider an extraordinary and unique Theological work, we would say a few words on its general bearing.

That it is the production of a highly-cultivated mind there can be no question. It appears to have been written at different periods, and under different circumstances, which will, in some degree, account for the Multitude of subjects it comprises.

A love of inward piety rather than outward show—a fixed hatred of war, of oaths, and of covetousness—and a firm belief in the approach of the Millennium—are the leading features of the work. They burst upon



us, more or less, in every page, and they are enforced with an earnestness and eloquence highly creditable to the author.

In many of "Scrutator's" conclusions we entirely coincide. And we are not in a position to deny his interpretations of the prophecies of Daniel and St. John; for—we candidly admit—they are beyond our limited comprehension.

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